

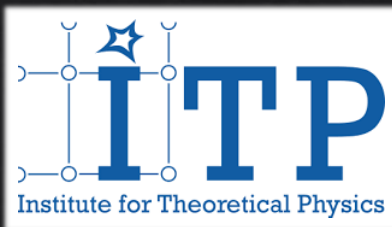
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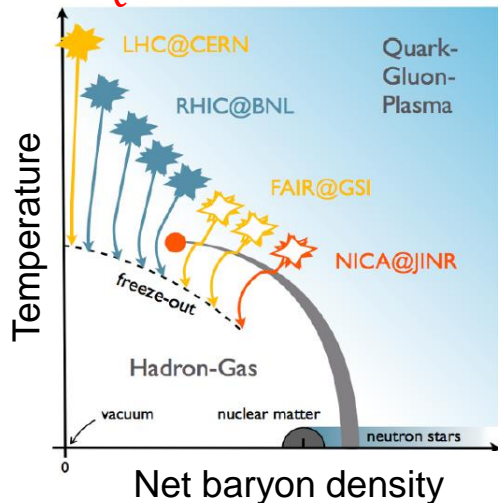


# Electromagnetic field effects on large and small colliding systems

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## QCD PHASE DIAGRAM



High-energy nuclear collisions recreate the extreme condition of temperature and density required to form the **Quark-Gluon Plasma (QGP)**

QGP initially expected only in Heavy-Ion Collisions (HICs)

## SIGNATURES OF COLLECTIVE FLOW IN SMALL SYSTEMS

in high-multiplicity events of  $p/d/{}^3\text{He}+\text{Au}$  at RHIC,  $p+p, p+\text{Pb}$  at LHC

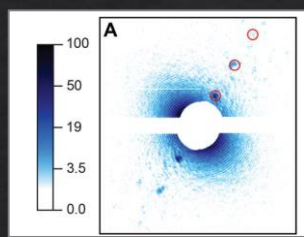
## STRONG FIELDS: INTENSE VORTICITY AND ELECTROMAGNETIC FIELDS (EMF)



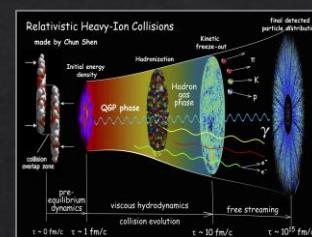
tornado cores  
 $\sim 10^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$



Jupiter's spot  
 $\sim 10^{-4} \text{ s}^{-1}$

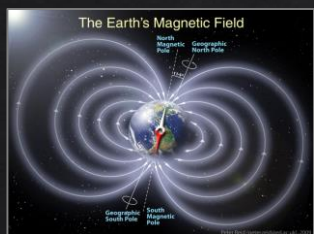


He nanodroplets  
 $\sim 10^7 \text{ s}^{-1}$



urHICs  
 $\sim 10^{22}-10^{23} \text{ s}^{-1}$

vorticity  
 $\omega$



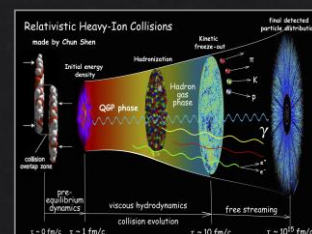
Earth's field  
 $\sim 1 \text{ G}$



laboratory  
 $\sim 10^6 \text{ G}$



magnetars  
 $\sim 10^{14}-10^{15} \text{ G}$



urHICs  
 $\sim 10^{18}-10^{19} \text{ G}$

magnetic field  
 $B$



# Electromagnetic fields effects

Many interesting phenomena in high-energy nuclear collisions driven by the intense EMF

- chiral magnetic effect and related transport phenomena

Kharzeev, McLerran and Warringa, Nucl. Phys. A 803, 227 (2008); Fukushima, Kharzeev and Warringa, Phys. Rev. D 78, 074033 (2008); Huang, Rept. Prog. Phys. 79, 076302 (2016); Kharzeev, Liao, Voloshin and Wang, Prog. Part. Nucl. Phys. 88, 1 (2016)

- polarization of hadrons

Becattini, Karpenko, Lisa, Upsal and Voloshin, Phys. Rev. C 95, 054902 (2017); Han and Xu, Phys. Lett. B 786, 255 (2018); Sheng, Wang and Wang, Phys. Rev. D 102, 056013 (2020)

- early-time emission of photons and dileptons

Fukushima and Mameda, Phys. Rev. D 86, 071501(R) (2012); Basar, Kharzeev and Skokov, Phys. Rev. Lett. 109, 202303 (2012); Basar, Kharzeev and Shuryak, Phys. Rev. C 90, 014905 (2014); Tuchin, Int. J. Mod. Phys. E 23, 1430001 (2014); Jia, Liu, Oliva, Huang, Fukushima and Ruggieri., in preparation

- Schwinger particle production

Sheng, Fang, Wang, Rischke, Phys. Rev. D 99, 056004 (2019)

- CHARGE-DEPENDENT DIRECTED FLOW

Gursoy, Kharzeev and Rajagopal, Phys. Rev. C 89, 054905 (2014); Voronyuk, Toneev, Voloshin and Cassing, Phys. Rev. C 90, 064903 (2014); Toneev, Voronyuk, Kolomeitsev and Cassing, Phys. Rev. C 95, 034911 (2017); Das, Plumari, Chatterjee, Alam, Scardina and Greco, Phys. Lett. B 768, 260 (2017); Gursoy, Kharzeev, Marcus, Rajagopal and Shen, Phys. Rev. C 98, 055201 (2018); Chatterjee and Bozek, Phys. Lett. B 798, 134955 (2019); **Oliva, Moreau, Voronyuk and Bratkovskaya, Phys. Rev. C 101, 014917 (2020); Oliva, Plumari and Greco, 2009.11066;** Oliva, Eur. Phys. J. A 56, 255 (2020); Dubla, Gursoy and Snellings, 2009.09727

# Transport kinetic equations

Evolution of the fireball described at a microscopic level by the **transport equations**

$$(p_\mu \partial^\mu + gQ F^{\mu\nu} p_\mu \partial_\nu^p) f = \mathcal{C}[f]$$

RELATIVISTIC  
BOLTZMANN  
EQUATIONS

*Free streaming*

*Field interaction*

*collision integral*

change of  $f$  due to interactions of the plasma with a field (e.g. color and **electromagnetic fields**)

change of  $f$  due to collision processes responsible for deviations from ideal hydro ( $\eta/s \neq 0$ )



**Generalization to off-shell dynamics**

Parton-Hadron String Dynamics (PHSD)

instead of Boltzmann eqs.  $\rightarrow$  Kadanoff-Baym eqs.

instead of particle distribution function  $f \rightarrow$  Green functions with complex self-energies

Cassing and Bratkovskaya, Nucl. Phys. A 831, 215 (2009)

Bratkovskaya, et al., Nucl Phys. A 856, 162 (2011)

Xu and Greiner, Phys. Rev. C 79, 014904 (2009)

Ferini, Colonna, Di Toro and Greco, Phys. Lett. B 670, 325 (2009)

Ruggieri, Scardina, Plumari and Greco, Phys. Rev. C 89, 054914 (2014)

# Vorticity and directed flow

Huge **orbital angular momentum** ( $J \approx 10^5 - 10^6 \hbar$ ) of the colliding system

- dominated by the y component
- partly transferred to the plasma generating an asymmetry in local participant density from forward and backward going nuclei

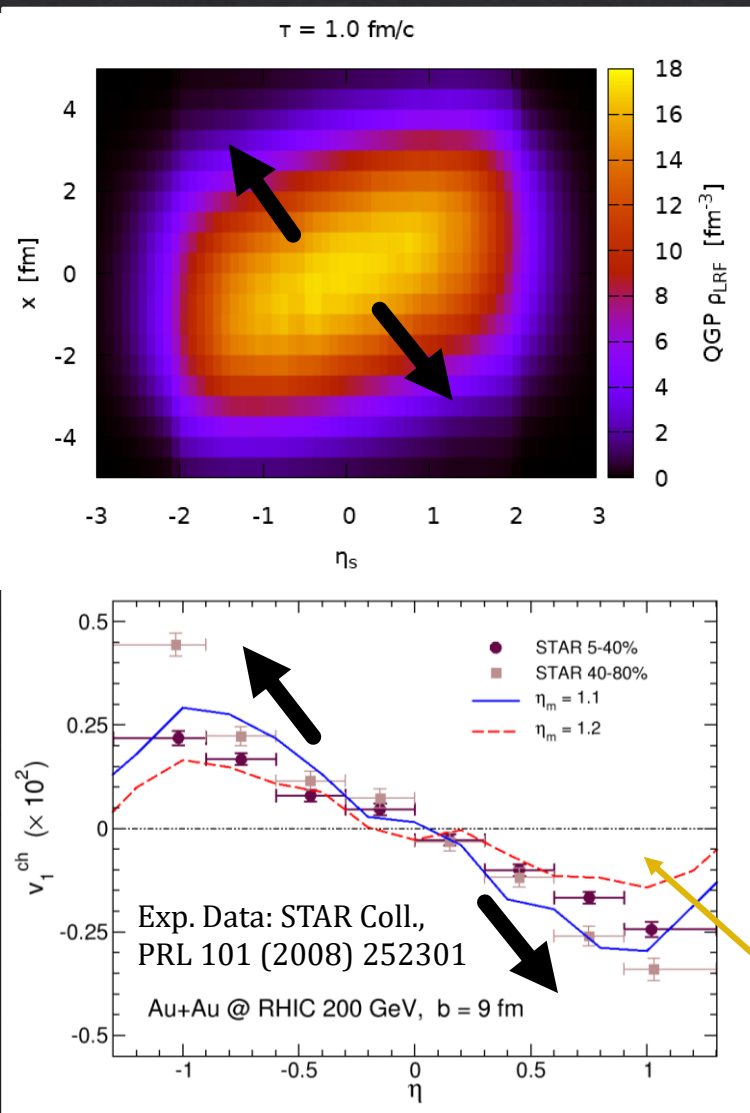
The huge angular momentum and the tilt of the fireball induce in the QGP a **DIRECTED FLOW**

$$v_1 = \langle \cos\varphi \rangle = \langle p_x/p_T \rangle$$

collective sideways deflection of particles along the x direction

The tilt of the fireball induce a negative slope in the  $\eta$  dependence of the  $v_1$  of bulk particles

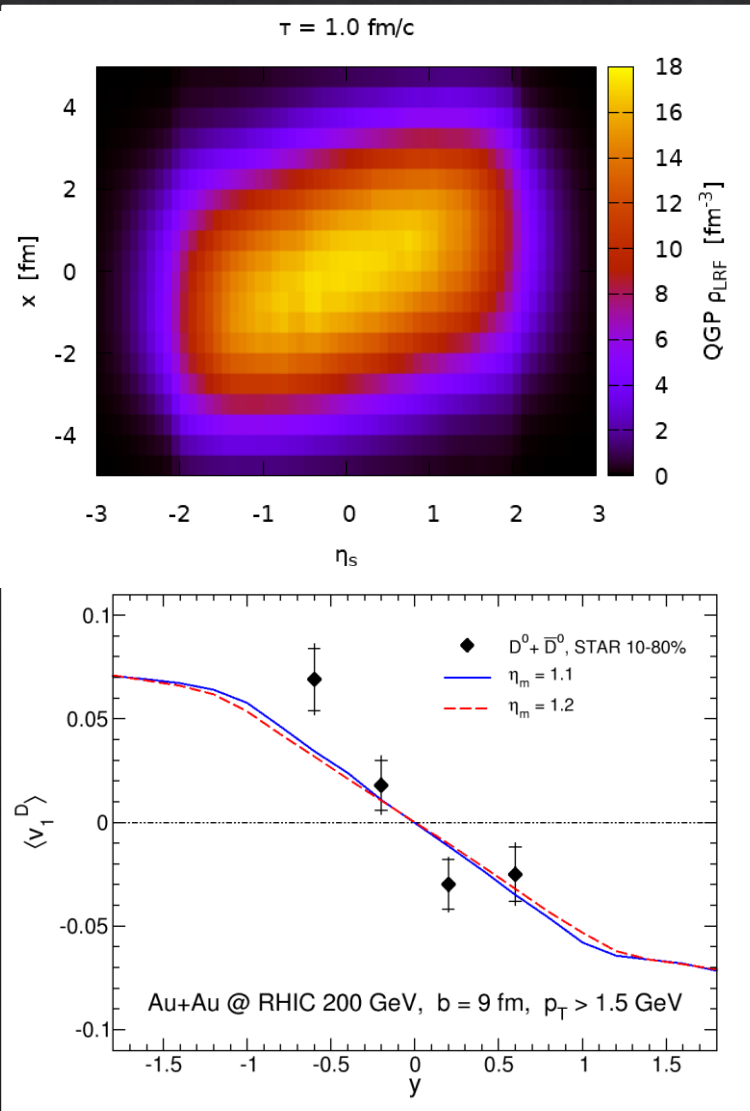
*$v_1$  is zero if the fireball is not tilted*



**DIRECTED FLOW OF CHARGED PARTICLES**



# Vorticity and directed flow



Are HEAVY QUARKS (HQs) affected by the initial tilt of the fireball and the  $v_1$  of bulk medium?

- $m_{c,b} \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}, m_{c,b} \gg T_{\text{HICs}}$   
HQ produced in pQCD initial hard scatterings, negligible thermal production of HQ
- $\tau_0^{\text{HQ}} < 0.1 \text{ fm}/c \ll \tau_0^{\text{QGP}}$   
HQ production much earlier than QGP formation
- $\tau_{\text{th}}^{\text{HQ}} \approx \tau^{\text{QGP}} \approx 5\text{-}10 \text{ fm}/c \gg \tau_{\text{th}}^{\text{QGP}}$   
HQ thermalization time comparable to QGP lifetime
- production points of HQs symmetric in the forward-backward hemispheres

The directed flow of neutral  $D$  mesons is 20-30 times larger than that of light hadrons

Chatterjee and Bozek, Phys. Rev. Lett. 120, 192301 (2018)  
STAR Collaboration, Phys. Rev. Lett. 123, 162301 (2019)

$$v_1(\text{HQs}) \gg v_1(\text{QGP})$$

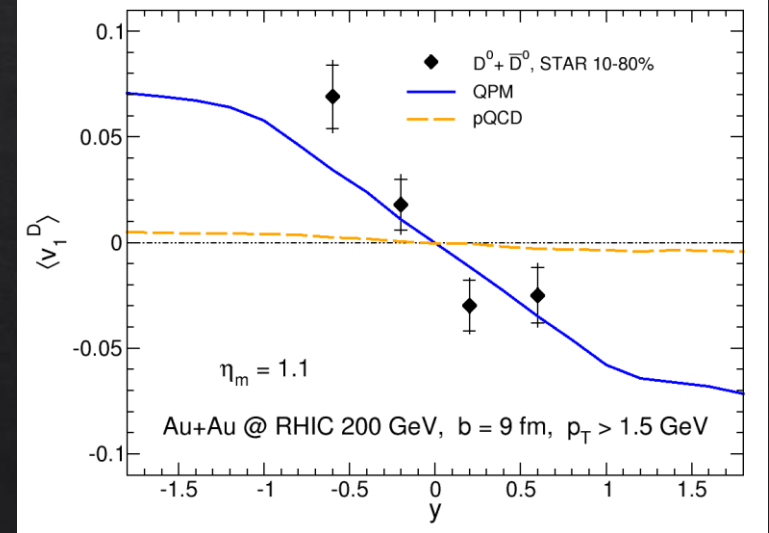
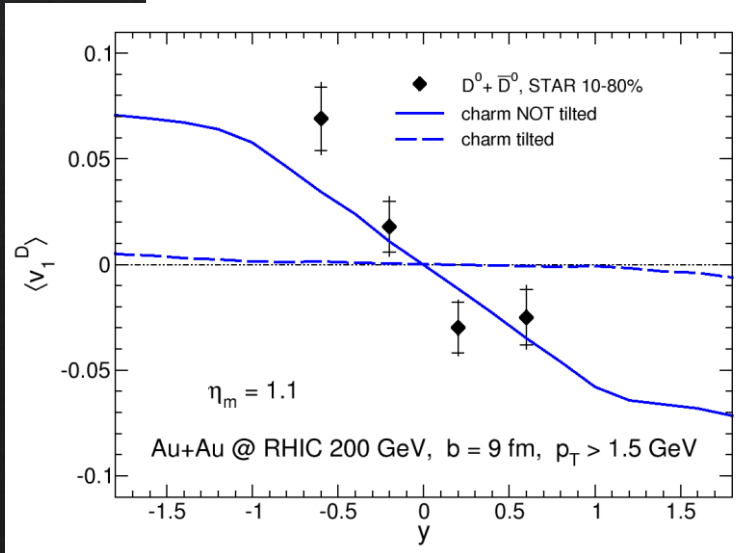
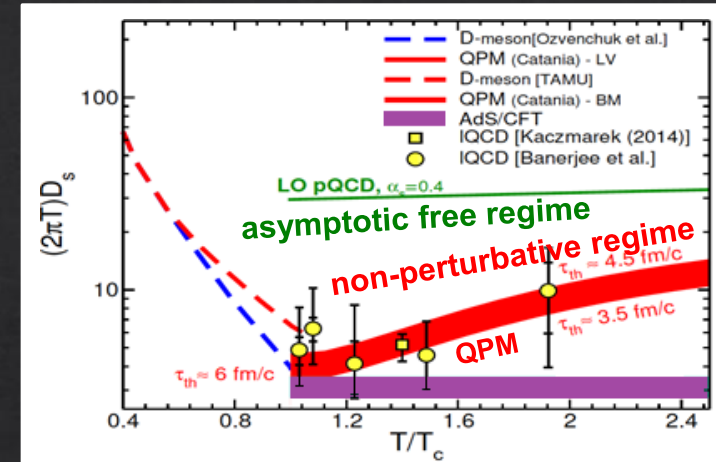
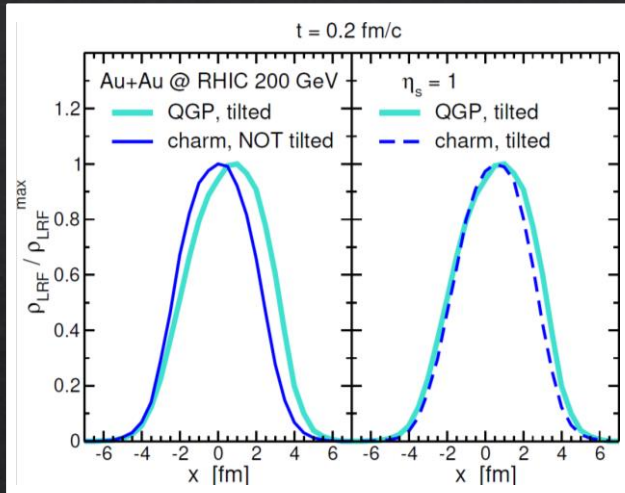
origin of the large directed flow of HQs different from the one of light particles

**DIRECTED FLOW OF NEUTRAL D MESONS**

# Origin of D meson directed flow

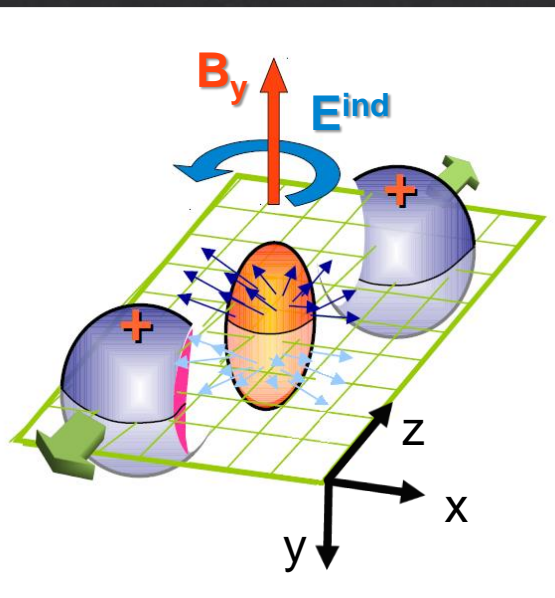
the longitudinal asymmetry between bulk and HQ initial profiles leads to a pressure push of the bulk on the HQs

Greco, Nucl. Phys. A 967, 200 (2017)



the transverse pressure gradient is effective because the HQ interaction in QGP is largely non-perturbative

# Electromagnetic fields in HICs

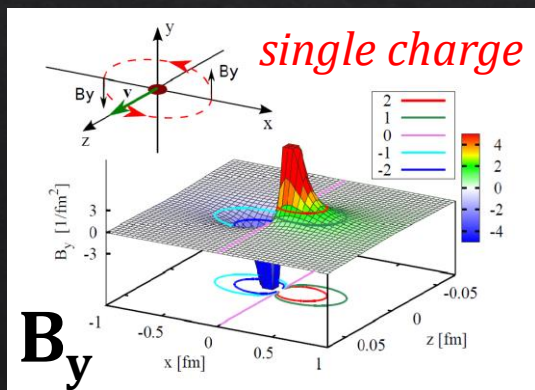


Huge **magnetic field** in the overlapping area of the collision

- in ultrarelativistic HICs  $eB \approx 5\text{-}50 \text{ m}_\pi^2 \sim 10^{18}\text{-}10^{19} \text{ G}$
- dominated by the y component
- mainly produced by spectators protons
- intense electric field generated by Faraday induction

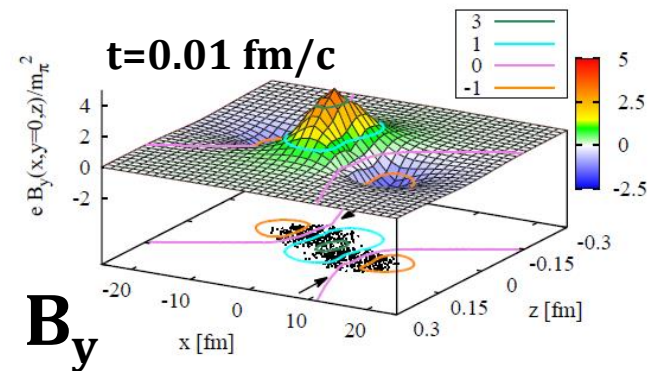
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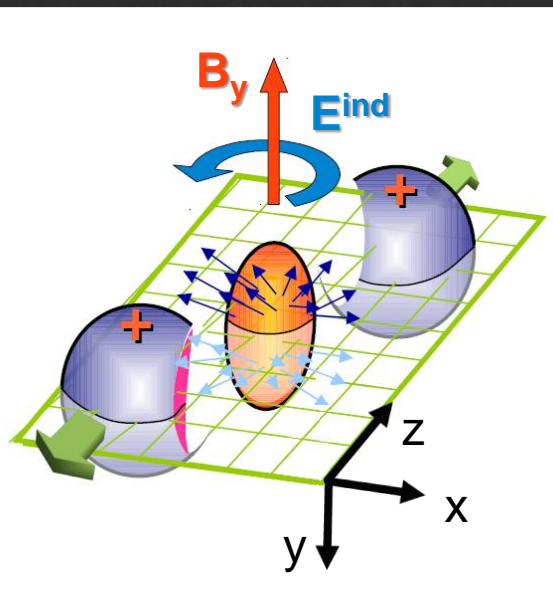
in a nuclear collision the EMF are a superposition of the fields produced by all moving charges

*Au+Au @ 200 GeV –  $b = 10 \text{ fm}$*





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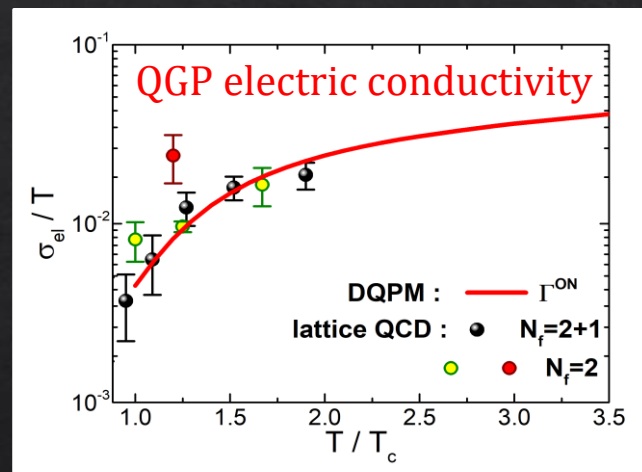
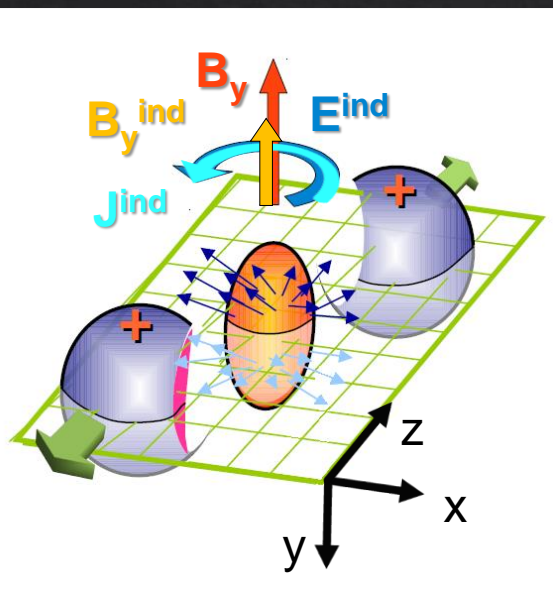
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Theoretical calculations indicate that QGP is a good electric conductor

Ohm's law

$$J = \sigma_{el} E$$



Soloveva, Moreau and Bratkovskaya, Phys. Rev. C 101, 045203 (2020)

Charged currents are induced in the QGP by the Faraday electric field that in turn generates a magnetic field pointing towards the initial one

# Electromagnetic fields in HICs

In a kinetic framework the transport equations should be coupled to the Maxwell equations for describing the EMF produced in HICs and their effect on the medium

$$\left\{ \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla_r + q(\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B}) \cdot \nabla_p \right\} f = \mathcal{C}[f]$$

**TRANSPORT  
EQUATIONS**

**Lorentz force**

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0 \quad \nabla \times \mathbf{E} = -\frac{\partial \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} \quad \nabla \cdot \mathbf{E} = \rho \quad \nabla \times \mathbf{B} = \frac{\partial \mathbf{E}}{\partial t} + \mathbf{j}$$

**MAXWELL  
EQUATIONS**

**charge distribution**

**electric current**

For a complete description

- ❖ nontrivial electromagnetic response of the QGP (electromagnetic conductivity, chiral conductivity, ...)
- ❖ consistent solution of evolution equations for the many-particle system and the EMF



# EMF: PHSD approach

Through Liénard-Wiechert potentials one gets the retarded EMF for a moving point-like charge

$$\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \frac{e}{4\pi} \left[ \frac{\mathbf{n} - \boldsymbol{\beta}}{(1 - \mathbf{n} \cdot \boldsymbol{\beta})^3 \gamma^2 R^2} + \frac{\mathbf{n} \times ((\mathbf{n} - \boldsymbol{\beta}) \times \dot{\boldsymbol{\beta}})}{(1 - \mathbf{n} \cdot \boldsymbol{\beta})^3 c R} \right]_{\text{ret}}$$

Coulomb

bremsstrahlung

$$\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{r} - \mathbf{r}' \quad \mathbf{n} = \frac{\mathbf{R}}{R} \quad \boldsymbol{\beta} = \frac{\mathbf{v}}{c}$$

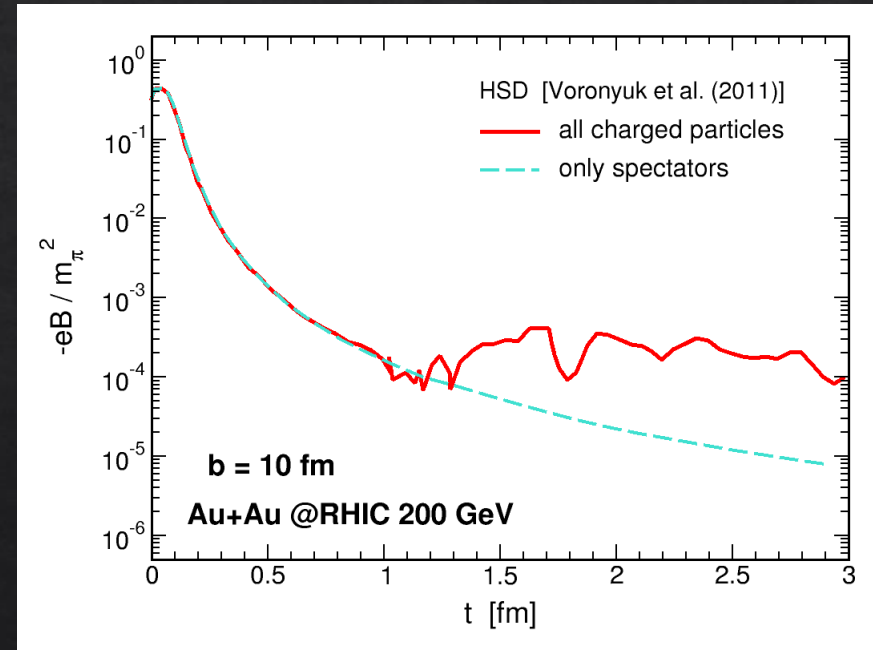
$$\mathbf{B}(\mathbf{r}, t) = [\mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t)]_{\text{ret}}$$

Neglecting the acceleration one obtains the EMF generated by a charge in uniform motion

$$e\mathbf{E}(\mathbf{r}, t) = \sum_i \frac{\text{sgn}(q_i) \alpha_{em} \mathbf{R}_i(t) (1 - \beta_i^2)}{\left\{ [\mathbf{R}_i(t) \cdot \boldsymbol{\beta}_i]^2 + R_i(t)^2 (1 - \beta_i^2) \right\}^{3/2}}$$

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The EMF are obtained summing over all charges in the collisions: spectators and participants protons, newly produced particles (QGP)



Voronyuk *et al.* (HSD), Phys. Rev. C 83, 054911 (2011)  
Toneev *et al.* (PHSD), Phys. Rev. C 86, 064907 (2012)



# EMF: Catania approach

external charge and current produced by a point-like charge in longitudinal motion

$$\rho = \rho_{ext} \quad \mathbf{J} = \mathbf{J}_{ext} + \mathbf{J}_{ind}$$

$$\rho_{ext} = e\delta(z - \beta t)\delta(x_{\perp} - x'_{\perp})$$

$$\mathbf{J}_{ext} = \hat{z}\beta e\delta(z - \beta t)\delta(x_{\perp} - x'_{\perp})$$

induced current from Ohm's law

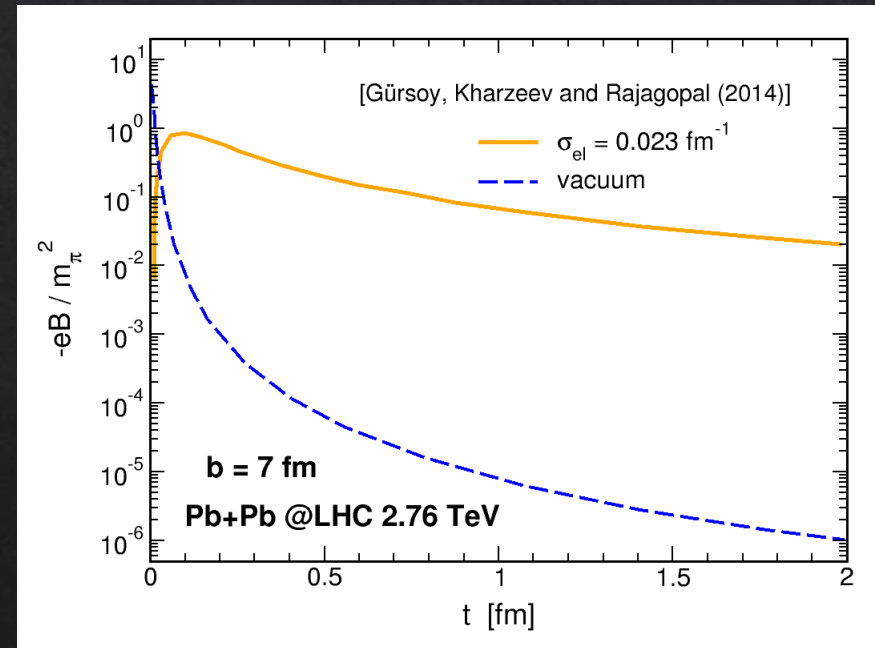
$$\mathbf{J}_{ind} = \sigma_{el}\mathbf{E}$$

From Maxwell equations one obtains wave equations for the EMF that can be solved analytically considering a medium with **constant electric conductivity**

$$(\nabla^2 - \partial_t^2 - \sigma_{el} \partial_t) \mathbf{B} = -\nabla \times \mathbf{J}_{ext}$$

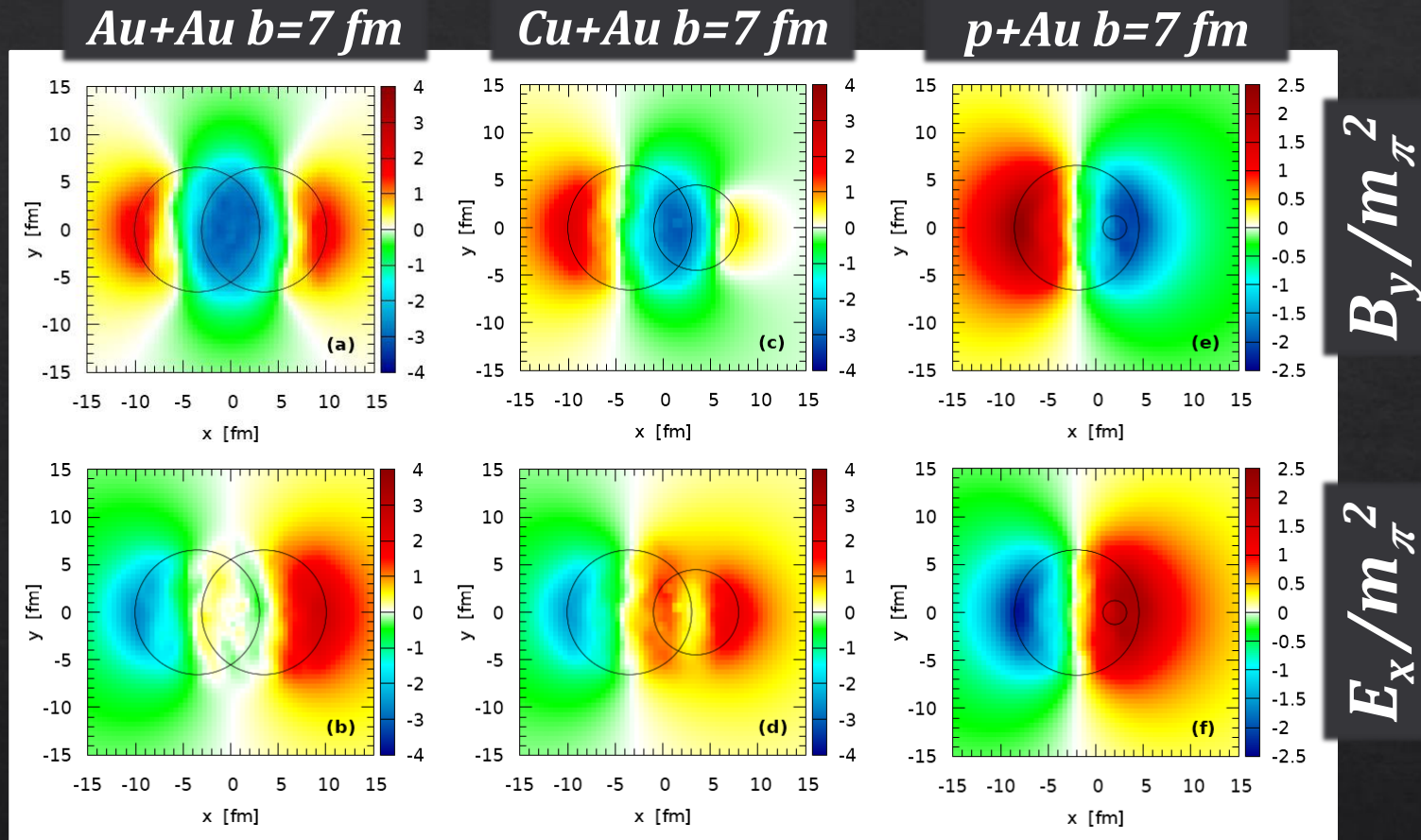
$$(\nabla^2 - \partial_t^2 - \sigma_{el} \partial_t) \mathbf{E} = -\nabla \rho_{ext} + \partial_t \mathbf{J}_{ext}$$

Fold the solution with the nuclear transverse density profile of the spectator nuclei and sum forward and backward contributions for obtaining the EMF produced in HICS



Tuchin, Adv. High Energy Phys. 2013, 1 (2013)  
Gursoy, Kharzeev, Rajagopal, Phys. Rev. C 89, 054905 (2014)

# EMF from large to small systems



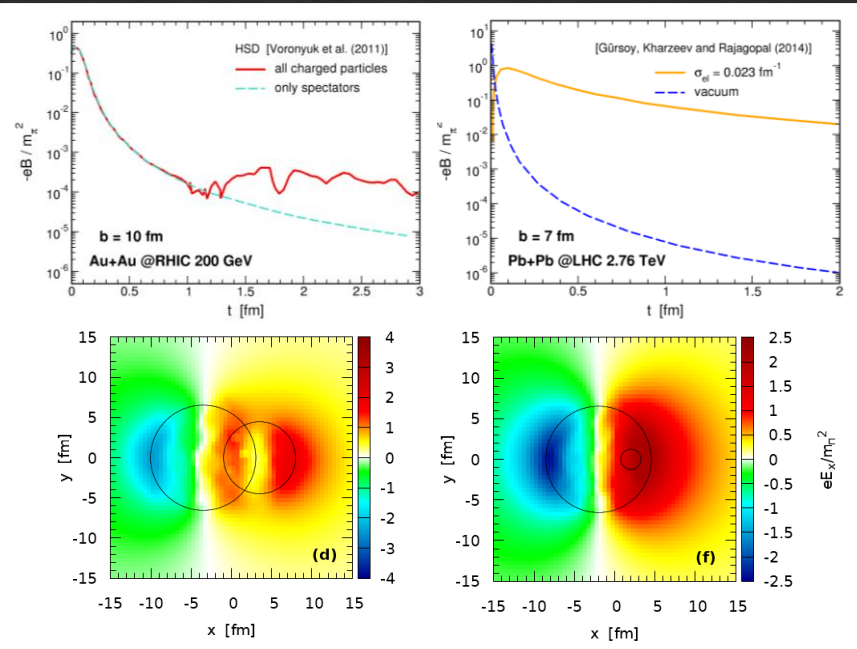
*initial  
transverse  
profiles  
at RHIC  
200 GeV*



intense electric fields directed from the heavy nuclei to light one  
in the overlap region of asymmetric colliding systems  
due to the different number of protons in the two nuclei

Voronyuk, Toneev, Voloshin and Cassing, Phys. Rev. C 90, 064903 (2014)  
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# Electromagnetic fields

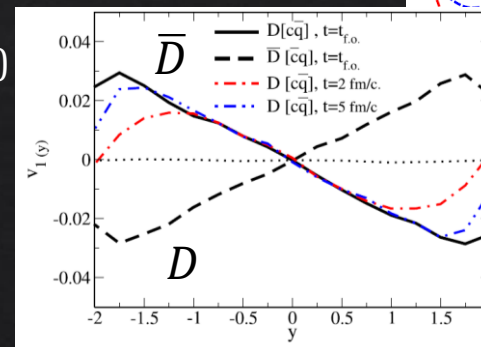
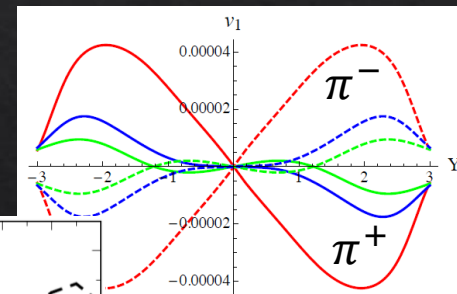


- ❖ maximal strength of  $B_y$  during overlap
- ❖ in the early-stage  $B_y$  due to spectators and dropping down some order of magnitude
- ❖  $B_y$  induces an intense electric field  $E_x$
- ❖ in the later-stage  $B_y$  decay slowed down by the QGP contribution
- ❖ intense initial  $E_x$  in asymmetric systems

presence of charge  
in the early stage

QGP transport  
properties

The huge EMF induce a splitting in the DIRECTED FLOW of particles with the same mass and opposite charge



difference in the  $v_1$  of light hadrons  $O(10^{-4}-10^{-3})$   
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difference in the  $v_1$  of heavy mesons  $O(10^{-2})$   
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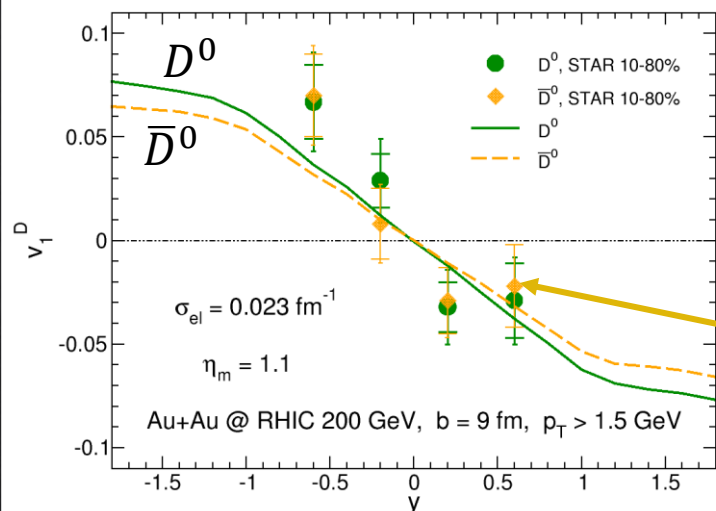
# Directed flow in A+A

The electromagnetic fields induce a large splitting in the directed flow of HEAVY QUARKS

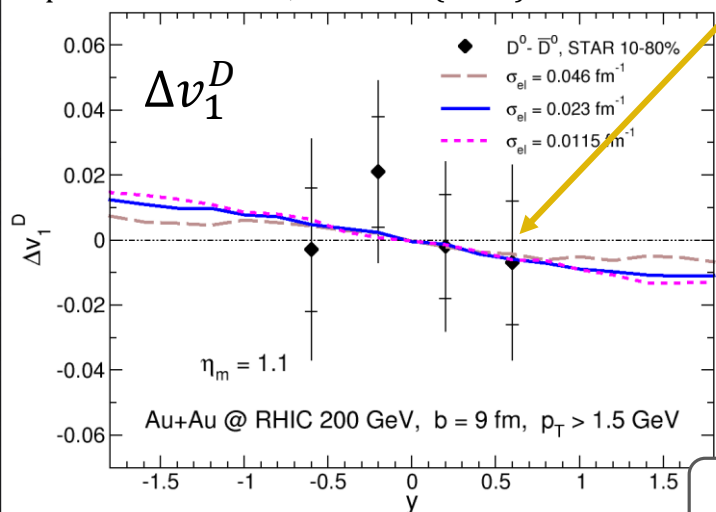
$$\Delta v_1(HQ) \gg \Delta v_1(QGP)$$

*charm quarks are more sensitive to the EMF due to the early production*

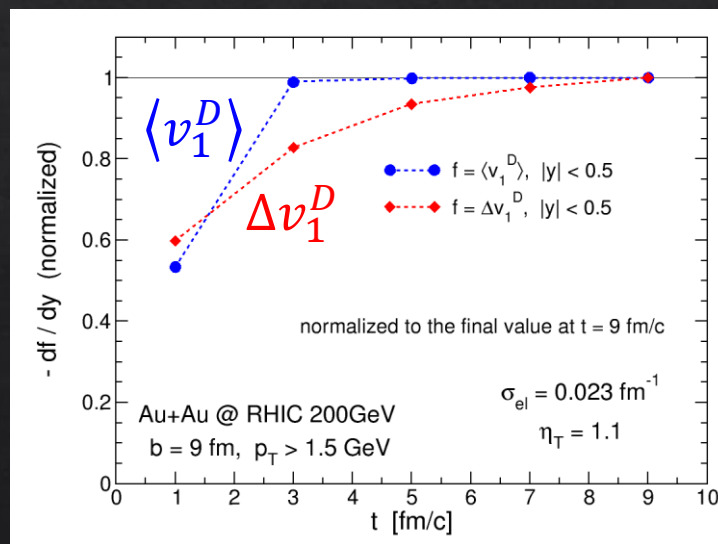
but  $\Delta v_1^{HQ}$  at top RHIC energy still consistent with zero due to the large exp. errors



Exp. data: STAR Coll., PRL. 123 (2019) 162301



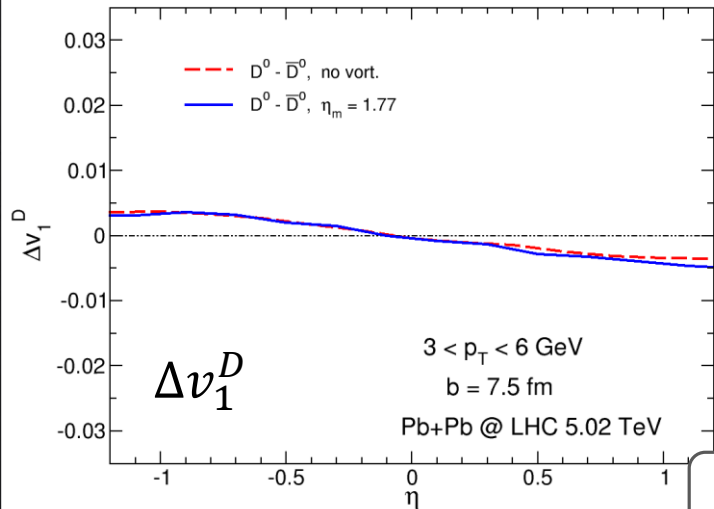
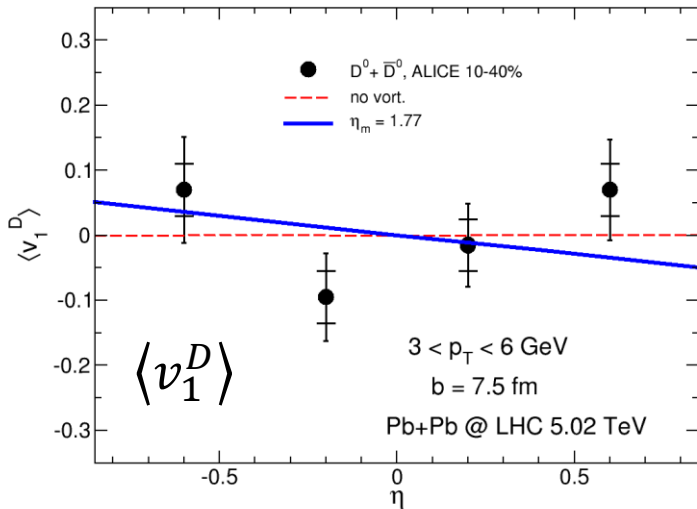
$$\Delta v_1^D = v_1(D^0) - v_1(\bar{D}^0)$$



**SLOPE TIME EVOLUTION**

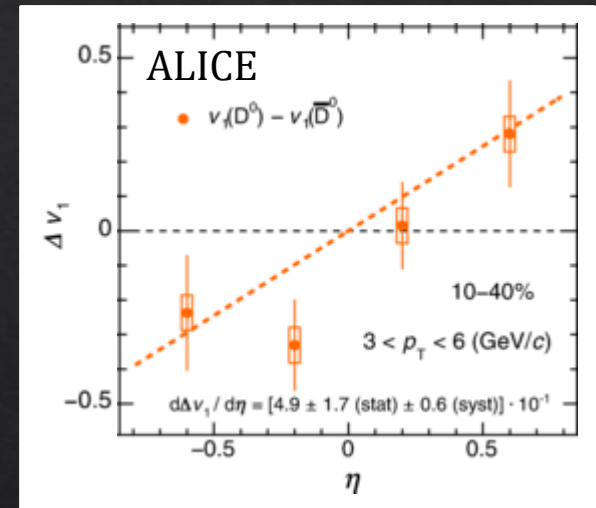
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ALICE Collaboration, Phys. Rev. Lett. 125, 022301 (2020)

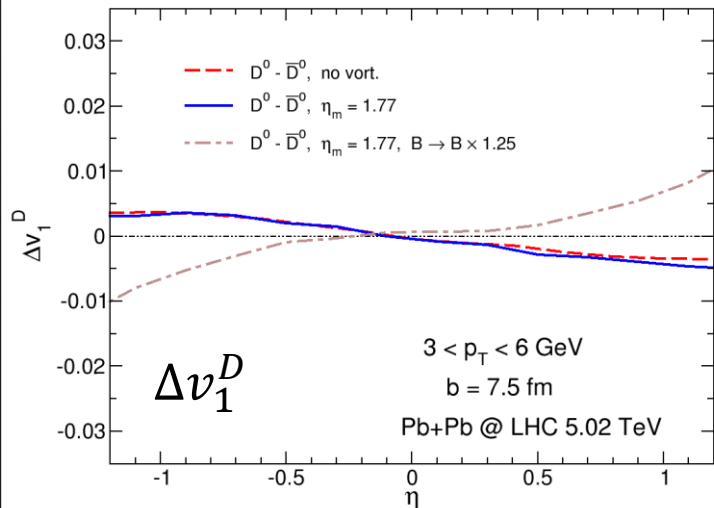
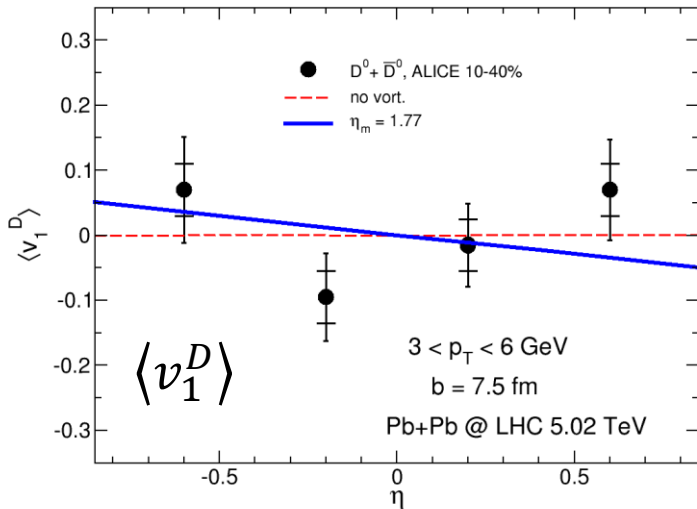


$$\Delta v_1^D = v_1(D^0) - v_1(\bar{D}^0)$$

at LHC energy the current approaches cannot reproduce the ALICE data for the  $v_1$  splitting

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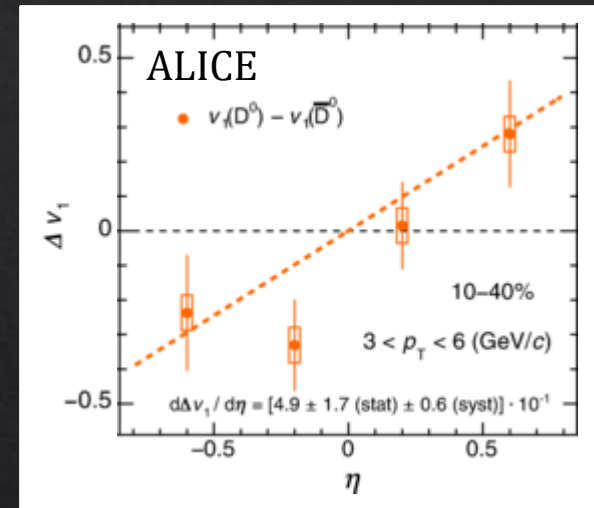
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positive slope rising by hand the value of the magnetic field



if the splitting of neutral D mesons is of electromagnetic origin it is a proof of the formation of the QGP

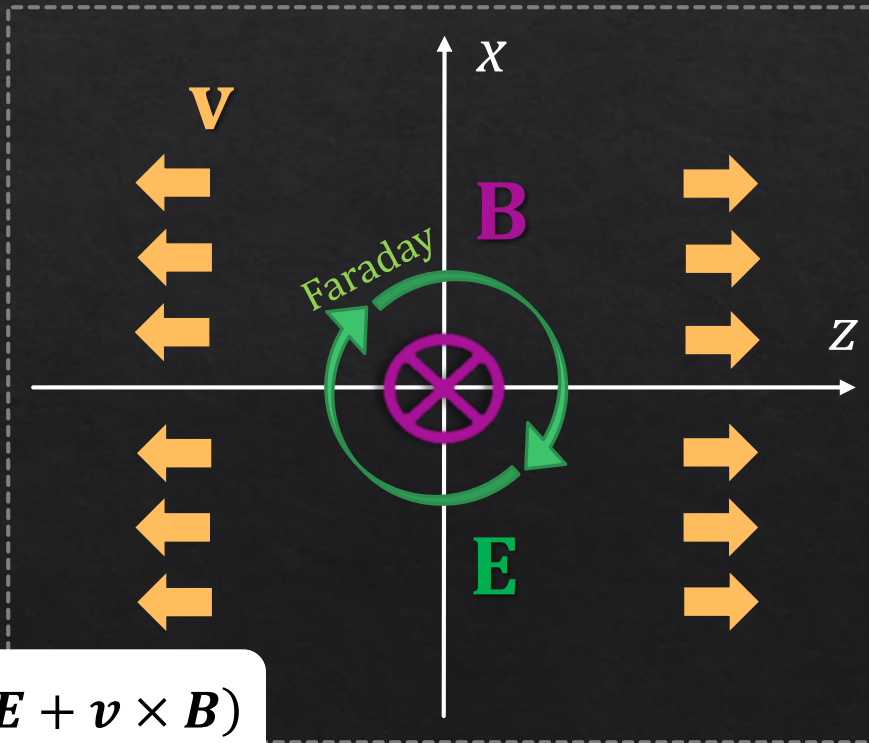
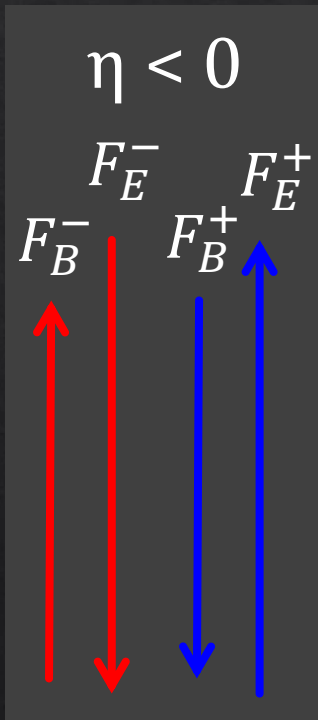


# EMF and directed flow in A+A

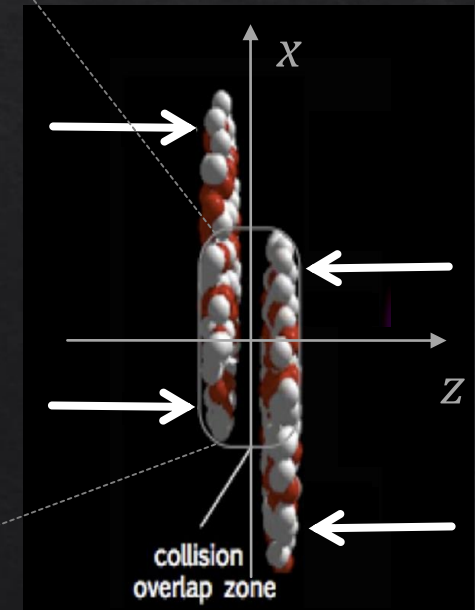
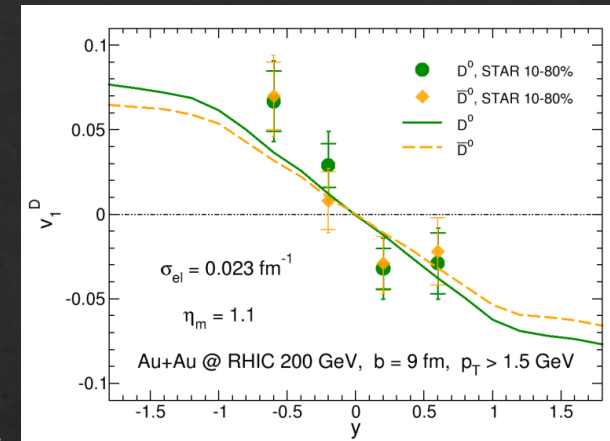
*rapidity dependence of the  
DIRECTED FLOW*

collective sideways deflection of particles

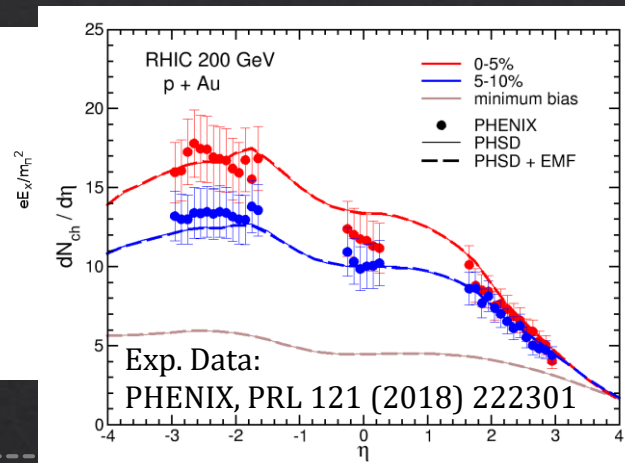
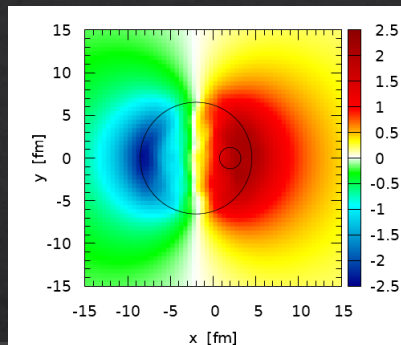
$$v_1 = \langle \cos\phi \rangle = \langle p_x/p_T \rangle$$



$$\mathbf{F}_{\text{Lorentz}} = q(\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B})$$



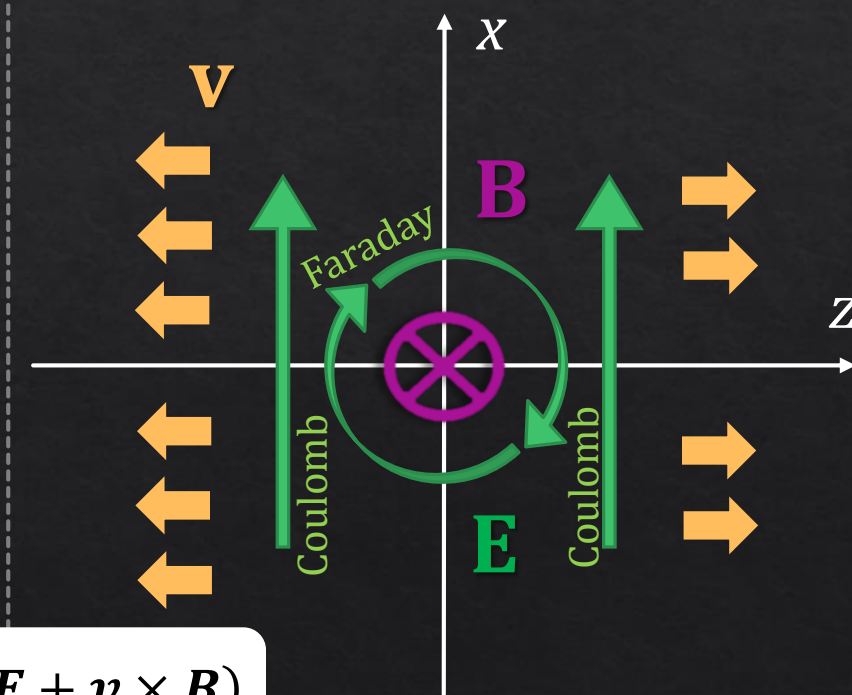
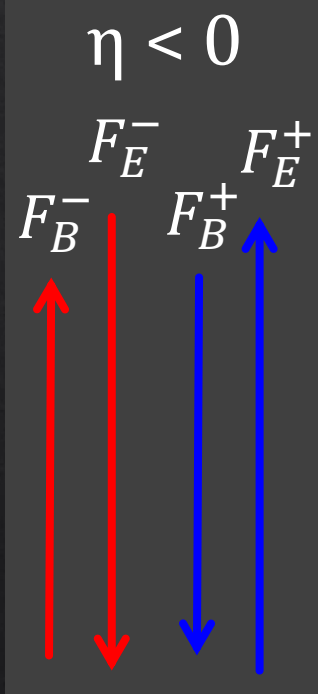
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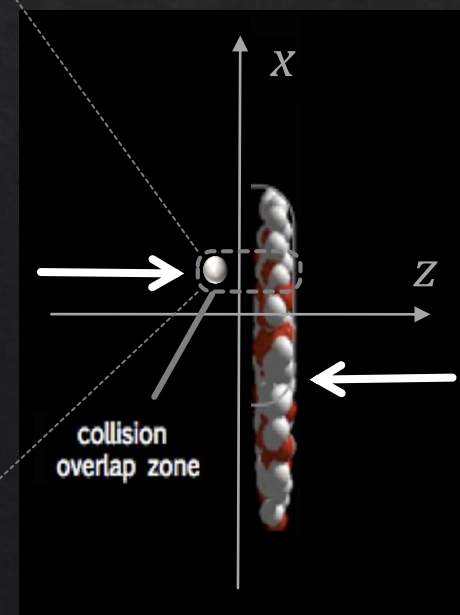
## Asymmetry in charged particle and electric field profiles in p+Au

- enhanced particle production in the Au-going direction
- electric field directed from the heavy ion to the proton

Oliva, Moreau, Voronyuk and Bratkovskaya, Phys. Rev. C 101, 014917 (2020)



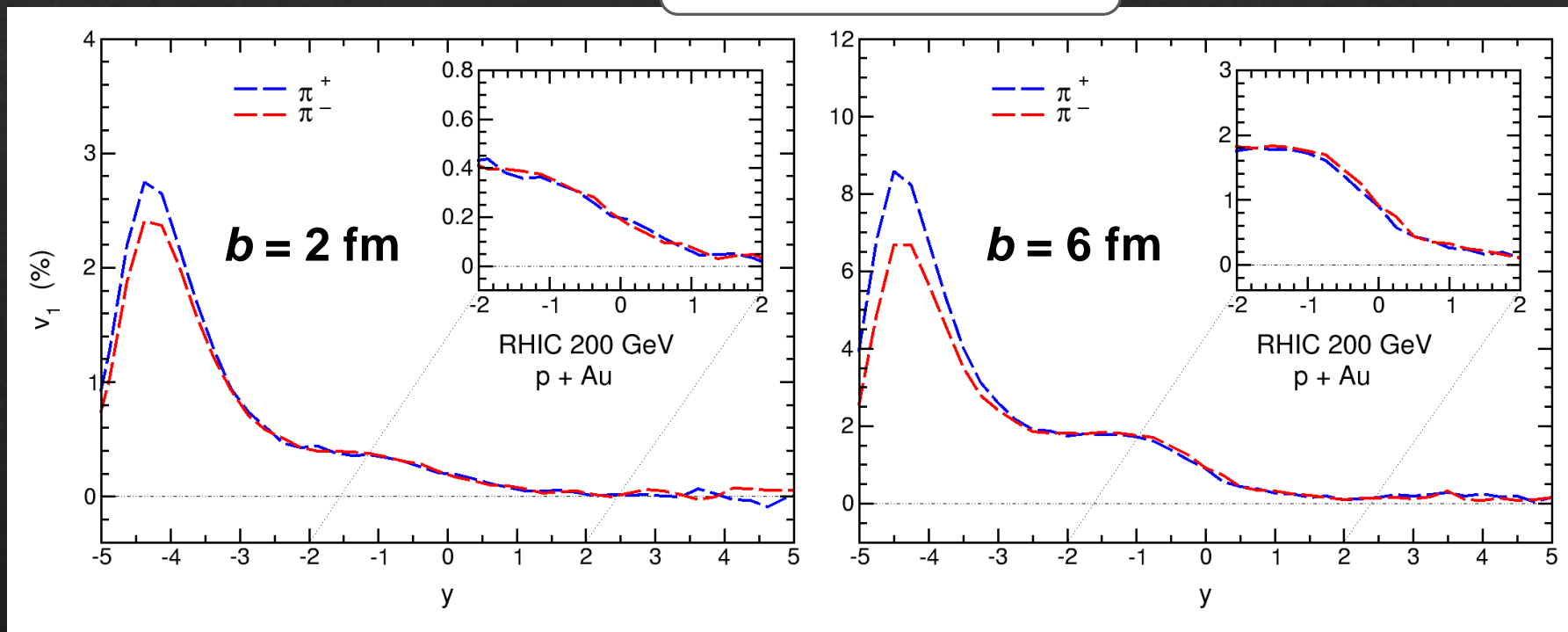
$$\mathbf{F}_{\text{Lorentz}} = q(\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B})$$



# Directed flow in p+A

*rapidity dependence of the  
DIRECTED FLOW OF PIONS*

$$v_1(y) = \langle \cos[\varphi(y)] \rangle$$



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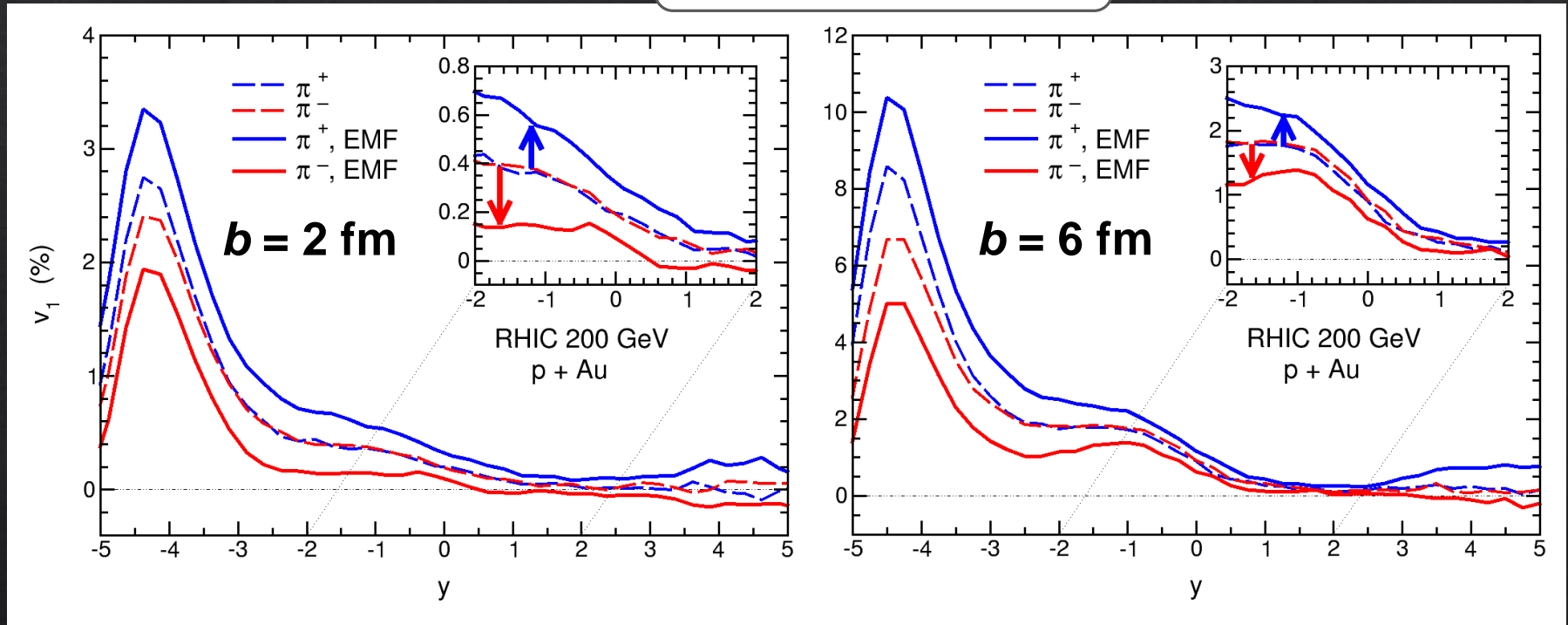
**SPLITTING of light mesons  
INDUCED BY THE ELECTROMAGNETIC FIELD?**



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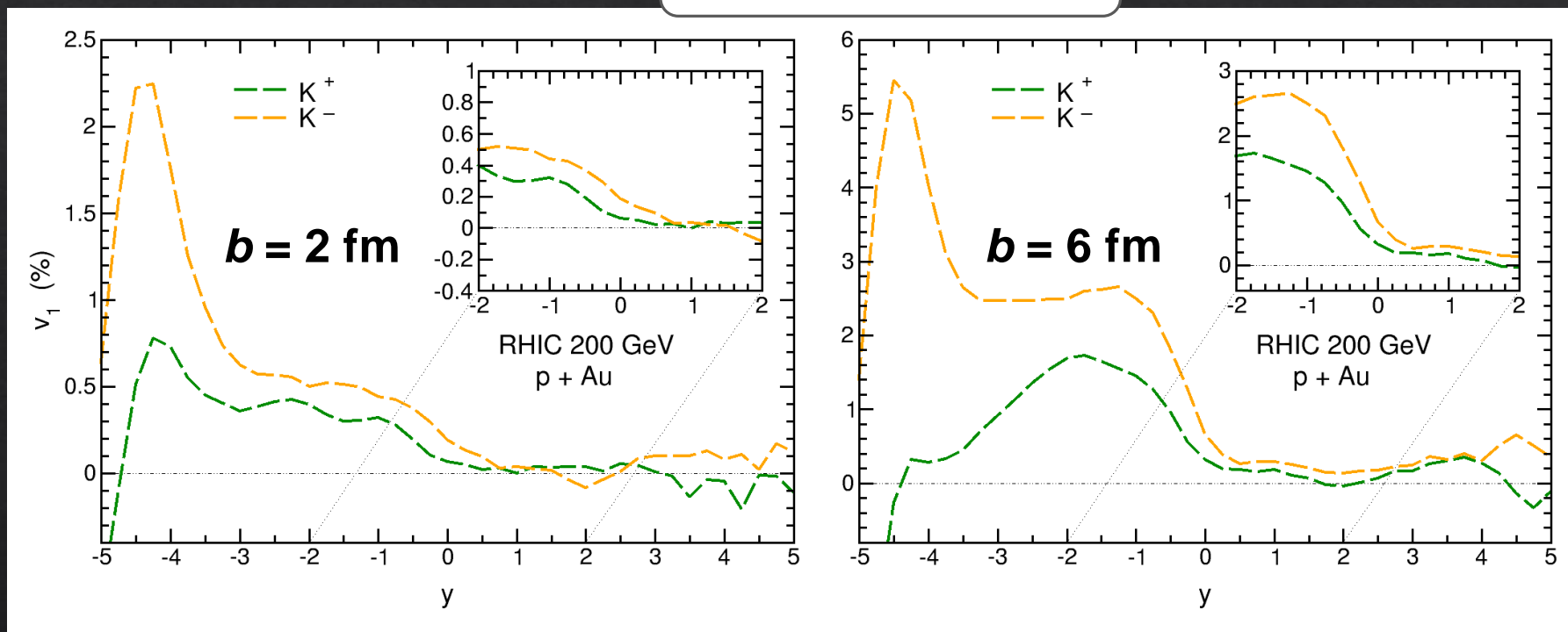


Splitting of  $\pi^+$  and  $\pi^-$   
induced by the  
electromagnetic field

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*rapidity dependence of the  
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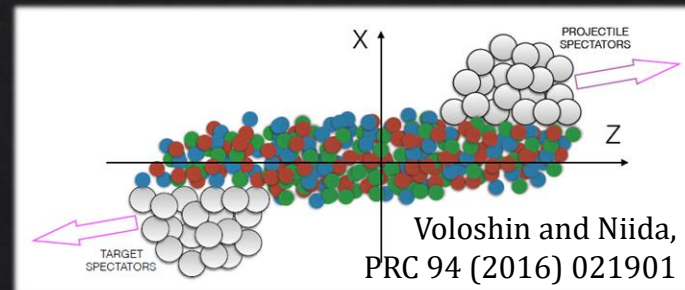


Oliva, Moreau, Voronyuk and Bratkovskaya, Phys. Rev. C 101, 014917 (2020)

**different  $v_1$  also in simulations without EMF**

more contributions to  $K^+$  ( $\bar{s}u$ ) with respect to  $K^-$  ( $s\bar{u}$ )  
from quarks of the initial colliding nuclei

STAR Coll., PRL 120 (2018) 062301

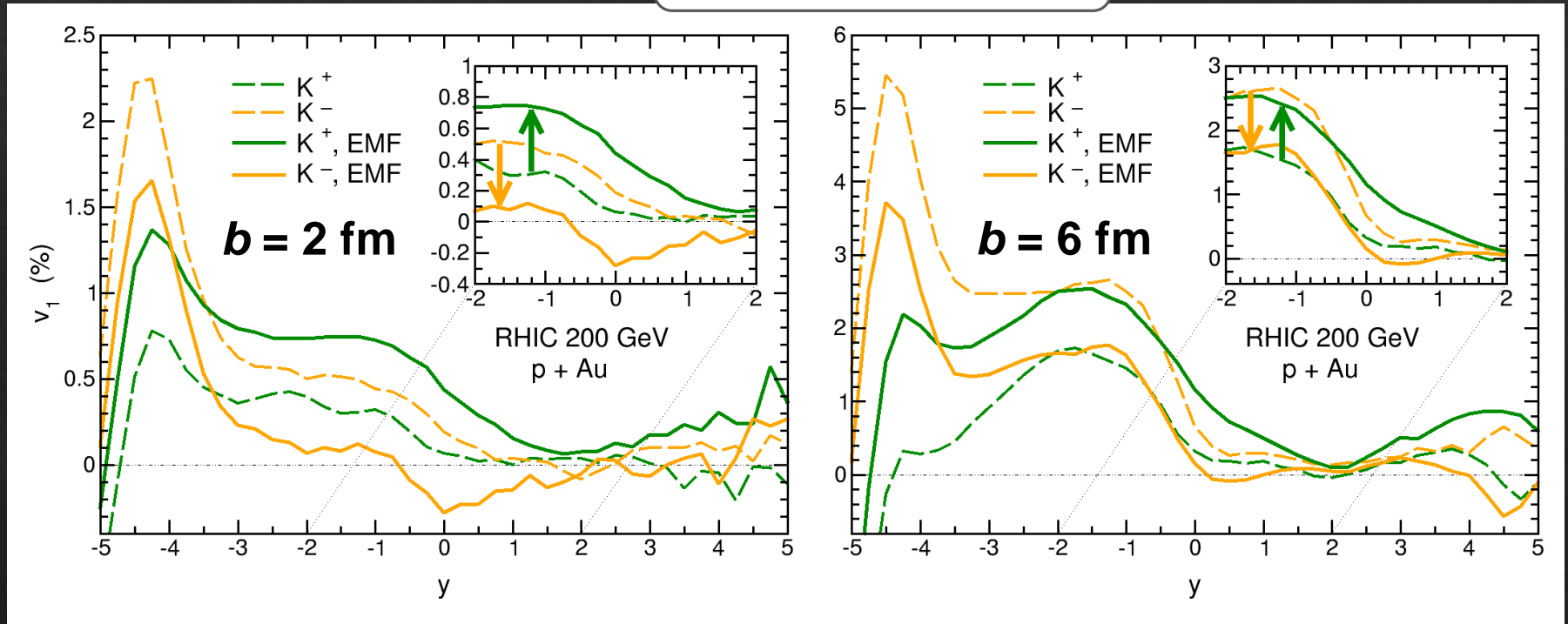


Voloshin and Niida,  
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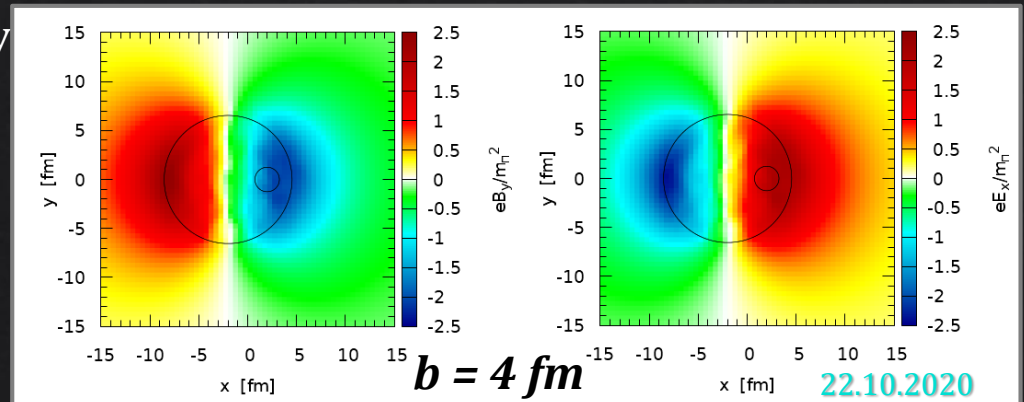
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Splitting of  $K^+$  and  $K^-$   
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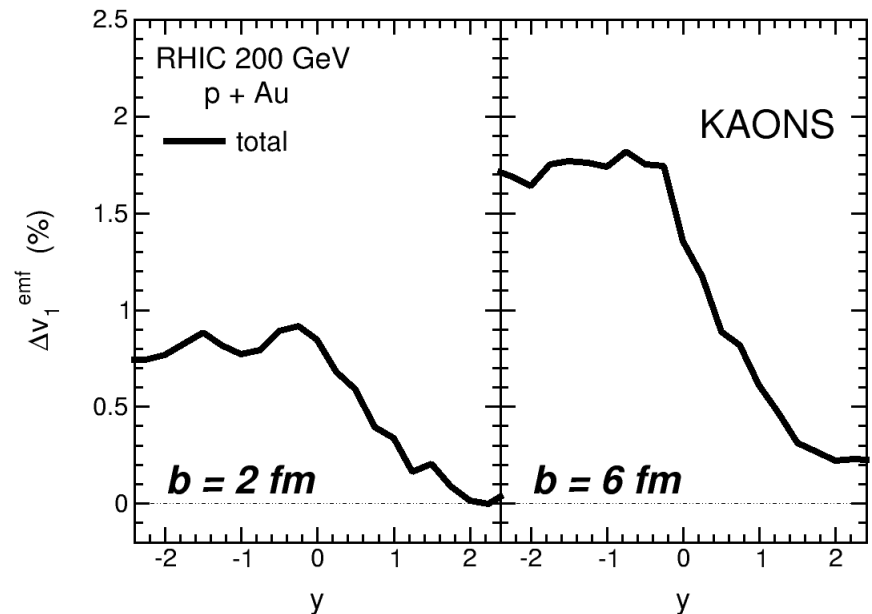
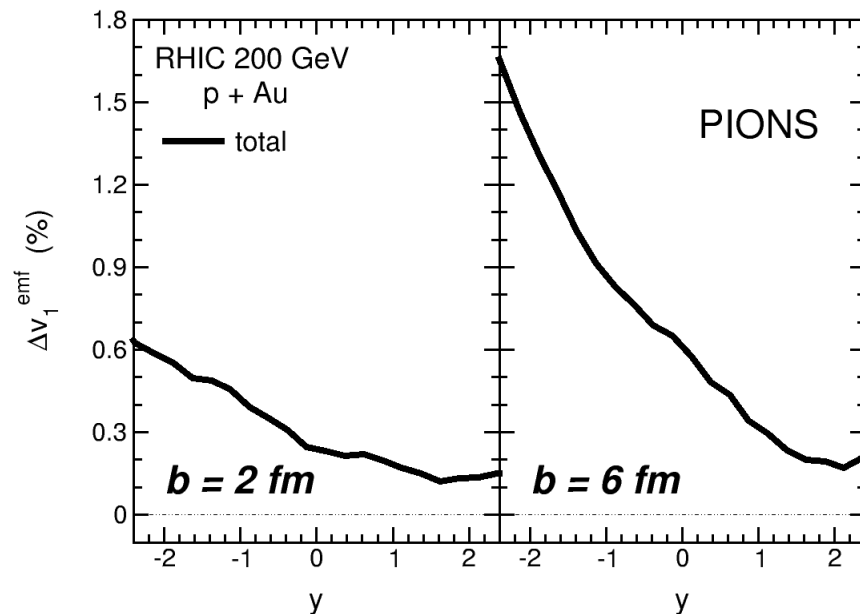
**ELECTROMAGNETICALLY-INDUCED SPLITTING**  
*in the directed flow of hadrons*  
*with same mass and opposite charge*

$$\Delta v_1^{emf} \equiv \Delta v_1^{(PHSD+EMF)} - \Delta v_1^{(PHSD)}$$

$$\Delta v_1 \equiv v_1^+ - v_1^-$$

$$F_{Lorentz} = q(E + v \times B)$$

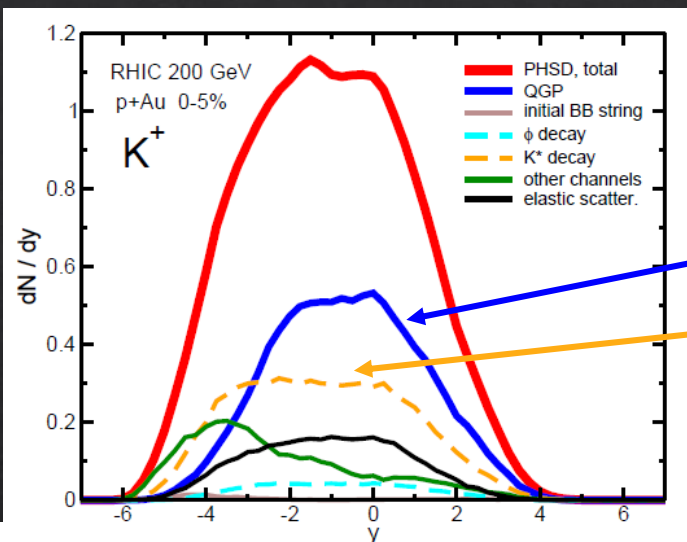
- magnitude increasing with impact parameter
- larger splitting for kaons than for pions



Oliva, Moreau, Voronyuk and Bratkovskaya, Phys. Rev. C 101, 014917 (2020)

# Directed flow in p+A

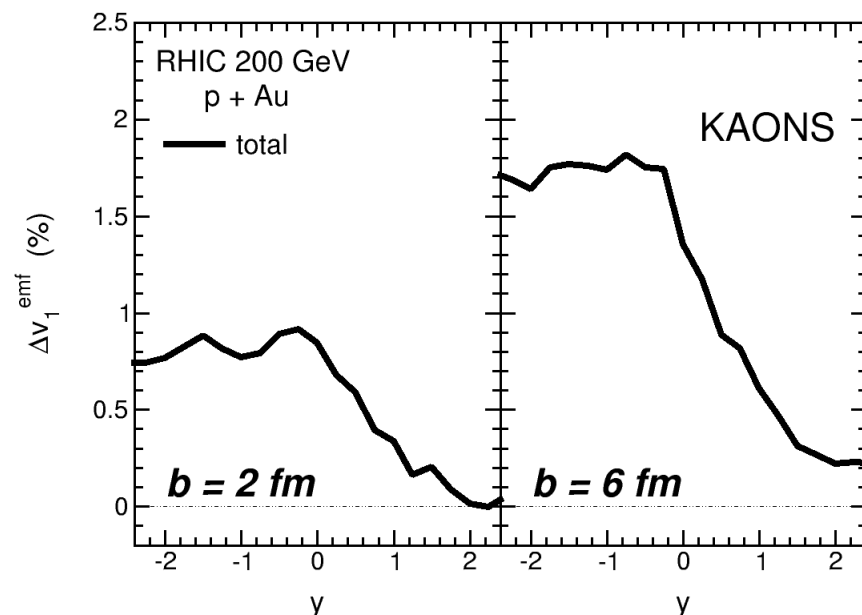
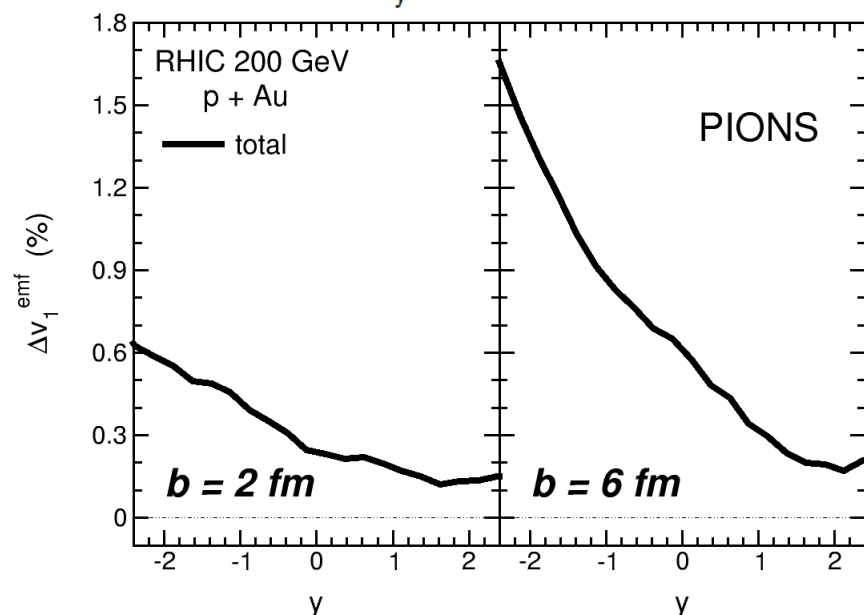
large amount of hadrons escapes from the medium just after hadronization without further rescattering



directly from QGP hadronization

from  $K^*$  decay

in A+A kaons created by  $K^*$  decay are about twice those generated directly from QGP

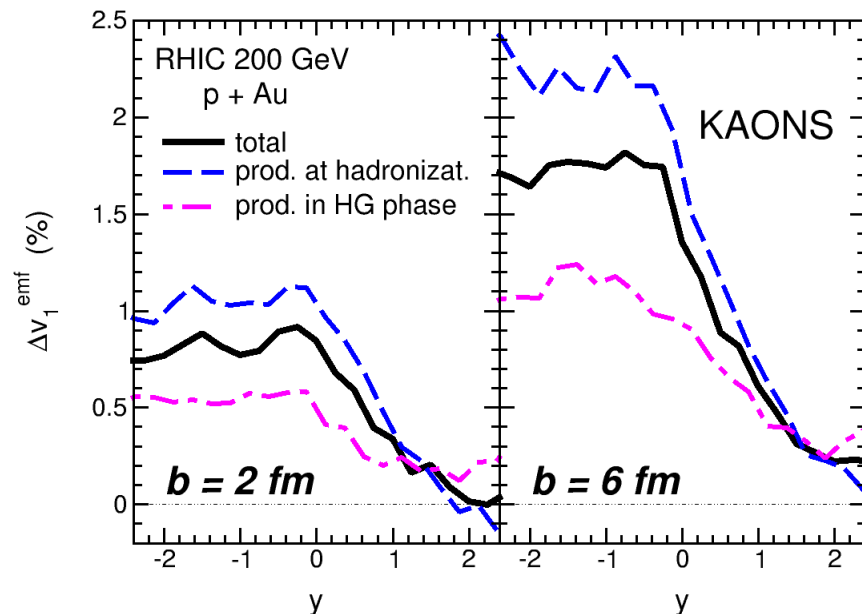
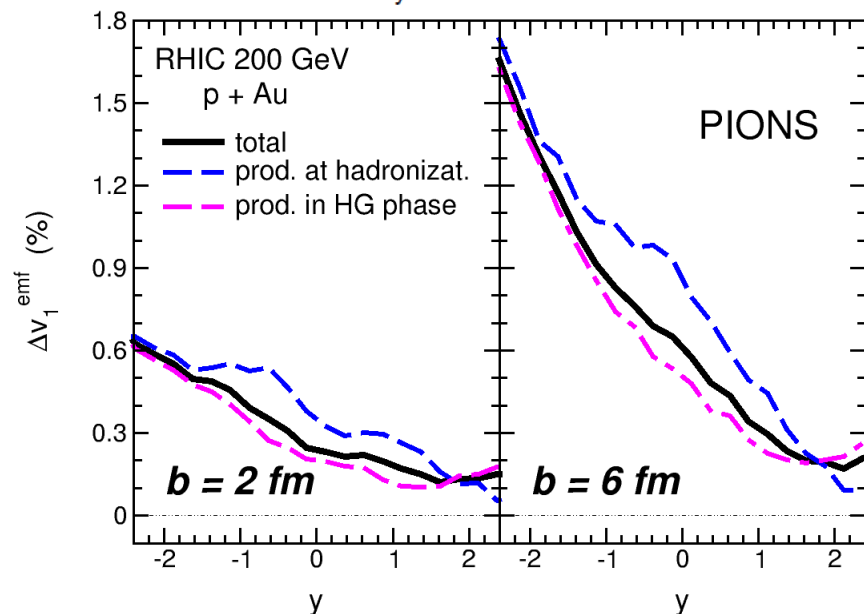
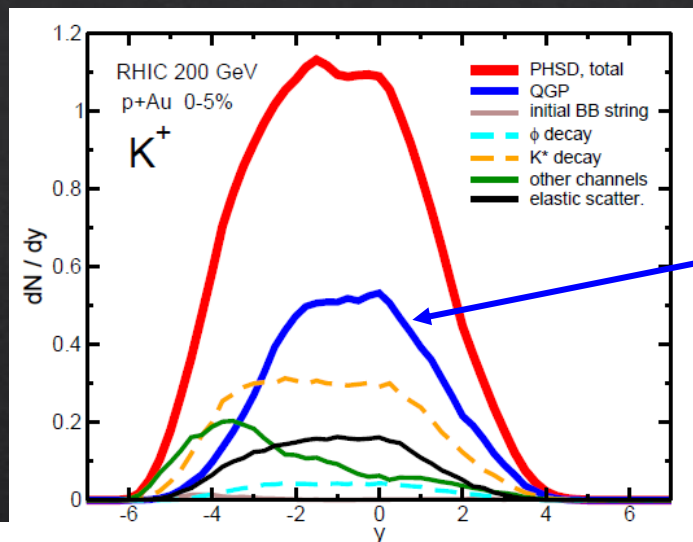


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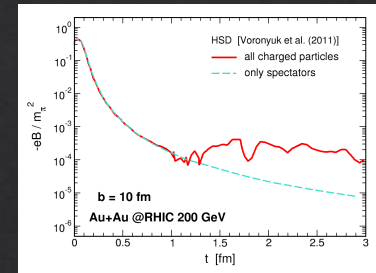
$v_1$  splitting mainly generated at partonic level (especially for kaons)



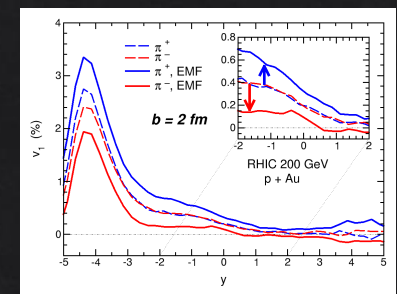
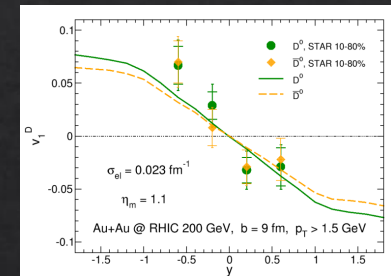


# CONCLUSIONS

**STRONG FIELDS** in ultra-relativistic nuclear collisions:  
large vorticity induced by the huge angular momentum  
and **intense electromagnetic fields (EMF)**



- ✓ **Relativistic transport theory** allows to describe the whole evolution of heavy-ion reactions and small colliding systems, including both vorticity and EMF
- ✓ The **directed flow**  $v_1$  of light and heavy mesons can shed light on
  - strength and time evolution of vorticity and EMF
  - presence of charges in the pre-equilibrium stage
  - transport properties of QGP (such as electric conductivity)
- ✓ **Heavy quarks** are a sensitive probe to the initial vorticity and EMF
  - the very large  $v_1$  for D mesons is due to the longitudinal asymmetry between bulk matter and charm quarks and the large non-perturbative interaction of heavy quarks in QGP
  - the splitting of neutral D mesons is order of magnitudes larger than that of light hadrons and represents a further probe of deconfinement
- ✓ **Small systems** are an unexpected laboratory for studying the QGP properties and the impact of the EMF and vorticity  
the combined asymmetry of charged particle and electric field profiles inside the overlap area leads to a sizeable electromagnetically-induced splitting of pions and kaons, mainly generated in the deconfined phase



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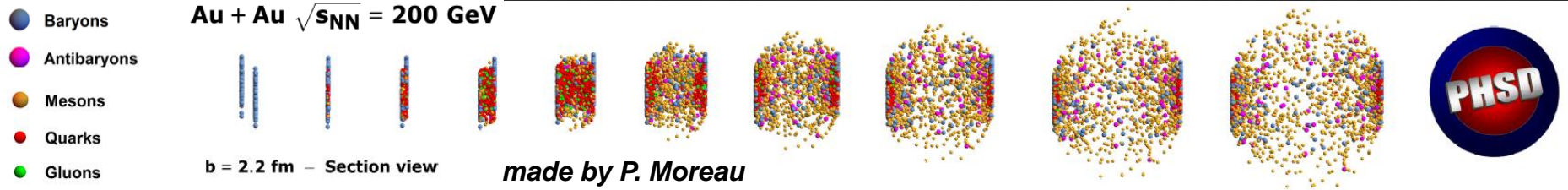




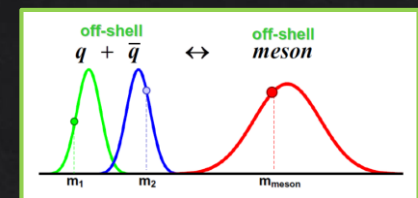
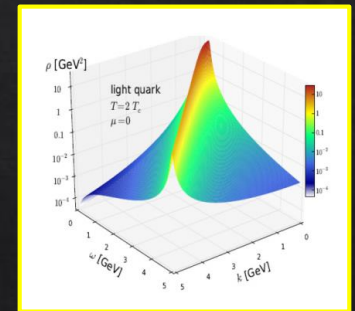
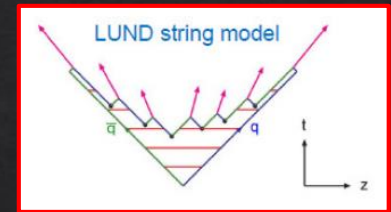
# PHSD: Parton-Hadron-String Dynamics

**non-equilibrium off-shell transport approach** to describe HICs and small systems

to study the phase transition from hadronic to partonic matter  
and QGP properties from a microscopic origin



- **INITIAL A+A COLLISIONS:** nucleon-nucleon collisions lead to the formation of strings that decay to pre-hadrons
- **FORMATION OF QGP:** if energy density  $\varepsilon > \varepsilon_c$  pre-hadrons dissolve in massive quarks and gluons + mean-field potential
- **PARTONIC STAGE:** evolution based on off-shell transport equations with the DQPM defining parton spectral functions
- **HADRONIZATION:** massive off-shell partons with broad spectral functions hadronize to off-shell baryons and mesons
- **HADRONIC PHASE:** evolution based on the off-shell transport equations with hadron-hadron interactions



Cassing and Bratkovskaya, Phys. Rev. C 78, 034919 (2008); Nucl. Phys. A 831, 215 (2009)

# Generalized Transport Equations (GTE)

After the first order gradient expansion of the Wigner transformed Kadanoff-Baym equations and separation into the real and imaginary parts one obtain GTE which describes the dynamics of broad strongly interacting quantum states

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{drift term} \quad \text{Vlasov term} \quad \boxed{\text{backflow term}} \quad \text{collision term = 'gain' - 'loss' term} \\ \diamond \{ P^2 - M_0^2 - \text{Re} \Sigma_{XP}^{\text{ret}} \} \{ S_{XP}^< \} - \diamond \{ \Sigma_{XP}^< \} \{ \text{Re} S_{XP}^{\text{ret}} \} = \frac{i}{2} [ \Sigma_{XP}^> S_{XP}^< - \Sigma_{XP}^< S_{XP}^> ] \end{array}$$

$$\diamond \{ F_1 \} \{ F_2 \} := \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial X_\mu} \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial P^\mu} - \frac{\partial F_1}{\partial P_\mu} \frac{\partial F_2}{\partial X^\mu} \right) \quad \text{off-shell behavior}$$

GTE govern the propagation of the Green functions

$$i S_{XP}^< = A_{XP} N_{XP}$$

Dressed propagators ( $S_q, \Delta_g$ )

$$S = (P^2 - \Sigma^2)^{-1}$$

with complex self-energies ( $\Sigma_q, \Pi_g$ ):

$$\Sigma = m^2 - i2\gamma\omega$$

- ❖ the real part describes a dynamically generated mass ( $m_q, m_g$ )
- ❖ the imaginary part describes the interaction width ( $\gamma_q, \gamma_g$ )

number of particles  
particle spectral function

Cassing and Juchem, Nucl. Phys. A 665 (2000) 377; 672 (2000) 417; 677 (2000) 445

# Dynamical QuasiParticle Model (DQPM)

The DQPM describes QGP in terms of interacting quasiparticle: massive quarks and gluons with Lorentzian spectral functions

$$A_j(\omega, \mathbf{p}) = \frac{\gamma_j}{\tilde{E}_j} \left( \frac{1}{(\omega - \tilde{E}_j)^2 + \gamma_j^2} - \frac{1}{(\omega + \tilde{E}_j)^2 + \gamma_j^2} \right)$$

$$\tilde{E}_j = p^2 + m^2 - \gamma^2$$

GLUONS

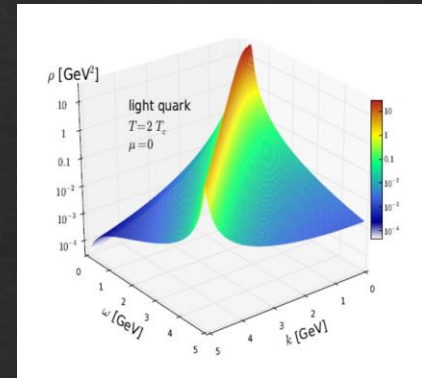
QUARKS

MASSES

$$m_g^2 = \frac{g^2}{6} \left( N_c + \frac{1}{2} N_f \right) T^2, \quad m_q^2 = g^2 \frac{N_c^2 - 1}{8N_c} T^2$$

WIDTHS

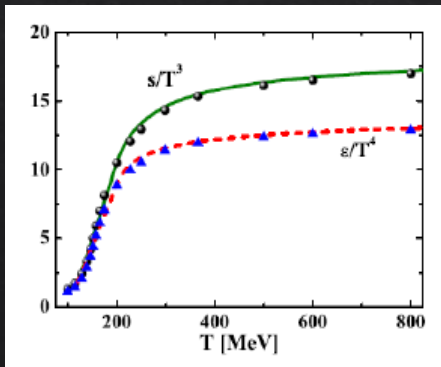
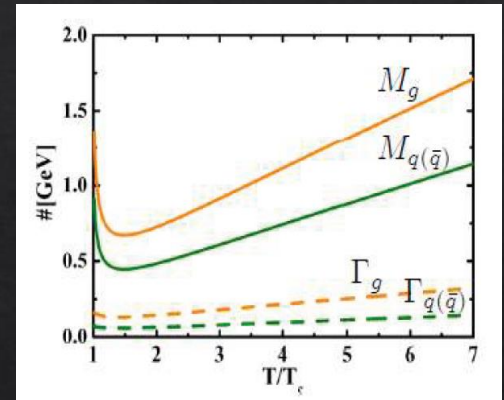
$$\gamma_g = \frac{1}{3} N_c \frac{g^2 T}{8\pi} \ln \left( \frac{2c}{g^2} + 1 \right), \quad \gamma_q = \frac{1}{3} \frac{N_c^2 - 1}{2N_c} \frac{g^2 T}{8\pi} \ln \left( \frac{2c}{g^2} + 1 \right)$$



$$g^2(T/T_c) = \frac{48\pi^2}{(11N_c - 2N_f) \ln(\lambda^2(T/T_c - T_s/T_c)^2)}$$

RUNNING COUPLING

parameters from fit  
of lattice QCD  
thermodynamics



Peshier, Phys. Rev. D 70, 034016 (2004)

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PHSD extended to include chemical potential dependence of scattering cross sections

Moreau, Soloveva, LO, Song, Cassing and Bratkovskaya, Phys. Rev. C 100, 014911 (2019)



# Catania transport approach

The temporal evolution of the QGP fireball and the heavy quarks (HQ) in relativistic HICs is described by solving the **relativistic Boltzmann transport equation** for the parton distribution function  $f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{p})$

**QGP**

$$p^\mu \partial_\mu f_g(x, p) = \mathcal{C}[f_g, f_q]$$

$$p^\mu \partial_\mu f_q(x, p) + q F_{ext}^{\mu\nu} p_\nu \partial_\mu^p f_q(x, p) = \mathcal{C}[f_g, f_q]$$

**HEAVY  
QUARKS**

$$p^\mu \partial_\mu f_{HQ}(x, p) + q F_{ext}^{\mu\nu} p_\nu \partial_\mu^p f_{HQ}(x, p) = \mathcal{C}[f_g, f_q, f_{HQ}]$$

RELATIVISTIC  
BOLTZMANN  
EQUATIONS

**Field interaction**

change of  $f$  due to interactions of the partonic plasma with the external electromagnetic field

**Collision integral**

change of  $f$  due to collision processes  
responsible for deviations from ideal hydro ( $\eta/s \neq 0$ )

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{C}[f] = & \frac{1}{2E_1} \int \frac{d^3 p_2}{(2\pi)^3 2E_2} \frac{1}{\nu} \int \frac{d^3 p'_1}{(2\pi)^3 2E'_1} \frac{d^3 p'_2}{(2\pi)^3 2E'_2} (f'_1 f'_2 - f_1 f_2) \\ & \times |\mathcal{M}_{12 \rightarrow 1'2'}| (2\pi)^4 \delta^{(4)}(p'_1 + p'_2 - p_1 - p_2), \end{aligned}$$

Ferini, Colonna, Di Toro and Greco, Phys. Lett. B 670, 325 (2009)

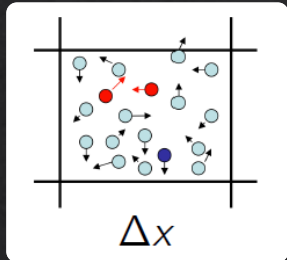
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$$(p_\mu \partial^\mu + gQ F^{\mu\nu} p_\mu \partial_\nu^p) f = \mathcal{C}[f] \quad \text{collision integral} \quad \eta/s \neq 0$$



- ❖ **TEST PARTICLES METHOD**  
to map the phase space
- ❖ **STOCHASTIC METHOD**  
to simulate collisions

Instead of starting from cross sections we simulate a fluid at **fixed**  $\eta/s$

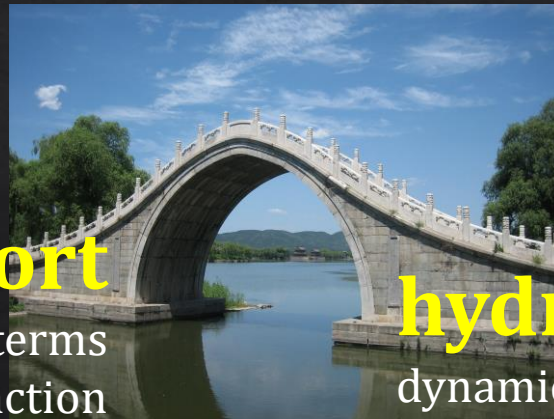
**CHAPMAN-ENSKOG EQUATION**

$$\frac{\eta}{s} = \frac{\langle p \rangle}{g(m_D) \rho \sigma} \frac{1}{\sigma}$$

Plumari, Puglisi, Scardina and Greco,  
Phys. Rev. C 86 (2012) 054902

**transport**

microscopic description in terms  
of parton distribution function



**hydro**

dynamical evolution governed  
by macroscopic quantities

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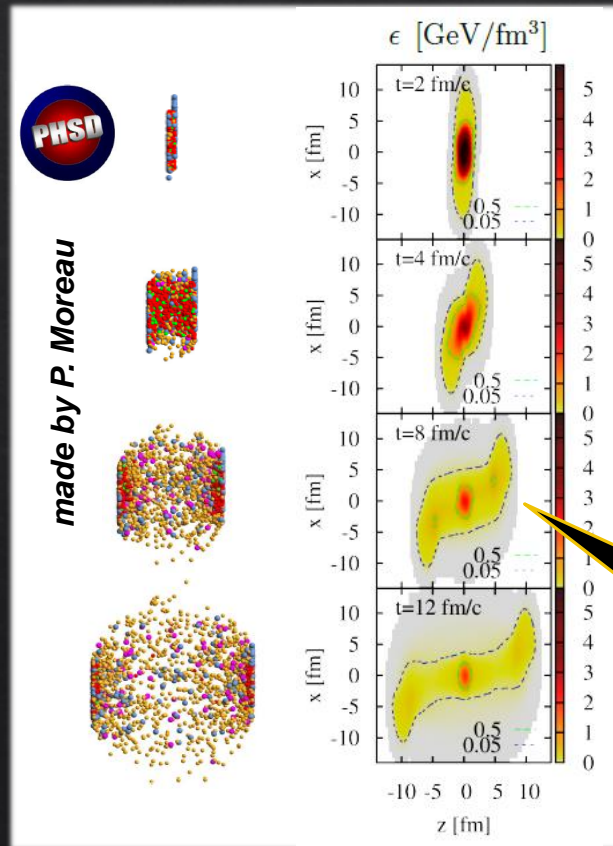
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# The vortical quark-gluon plasma

Huge **orbital angular momentum** ( $J \approx 10^5 - 10^6 \hbar$ ) of the colliding system

- dominated by the y component perpendicular to the reaction plane
- partly transferred to the plasma

asymmetry in local participant density from forward and backward going nuclei



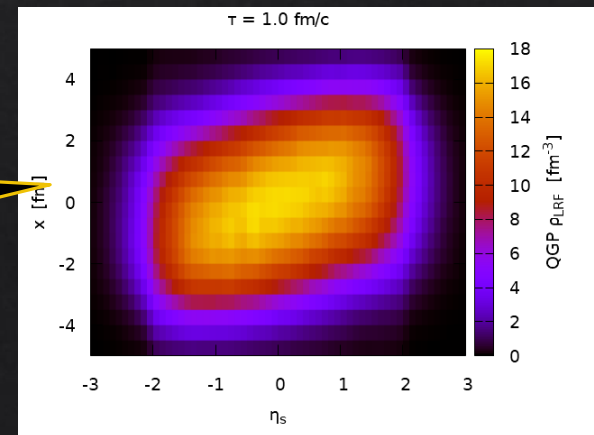
tilted fireball  
on the  
reaction plane

$$\rho(x_{\perp}, \eta_s) = \rho_0 \frac{W(x_{\perp}, \eta_s)}{W(0, 0)} \exp \left[ -\frac{(|\eta_s| - \eta_{s0})^2}{2\sigma_{\eta}^2} \theta(|\eta_s| - \eta_{s0}) \right]$$

$$W(x_{\perp}, \eta_s) = 2 (N_A(x_{\perp}) f_{-}(\eta_s) + N_B(x_{\perp}) f_{+}(\eta_s))$$

$$f_{+}(\eta_s) = f_{-}(-\eta_s) = \begin{cases} 0 & \eta_s < -\eta_m \\ \frac{\eta_s + \eta_m}{2\eta_m} & -\eta_m \leq \eta_s \leq \eta_m \\ 1 & \eta_s > \eta_m \end{cases}$$

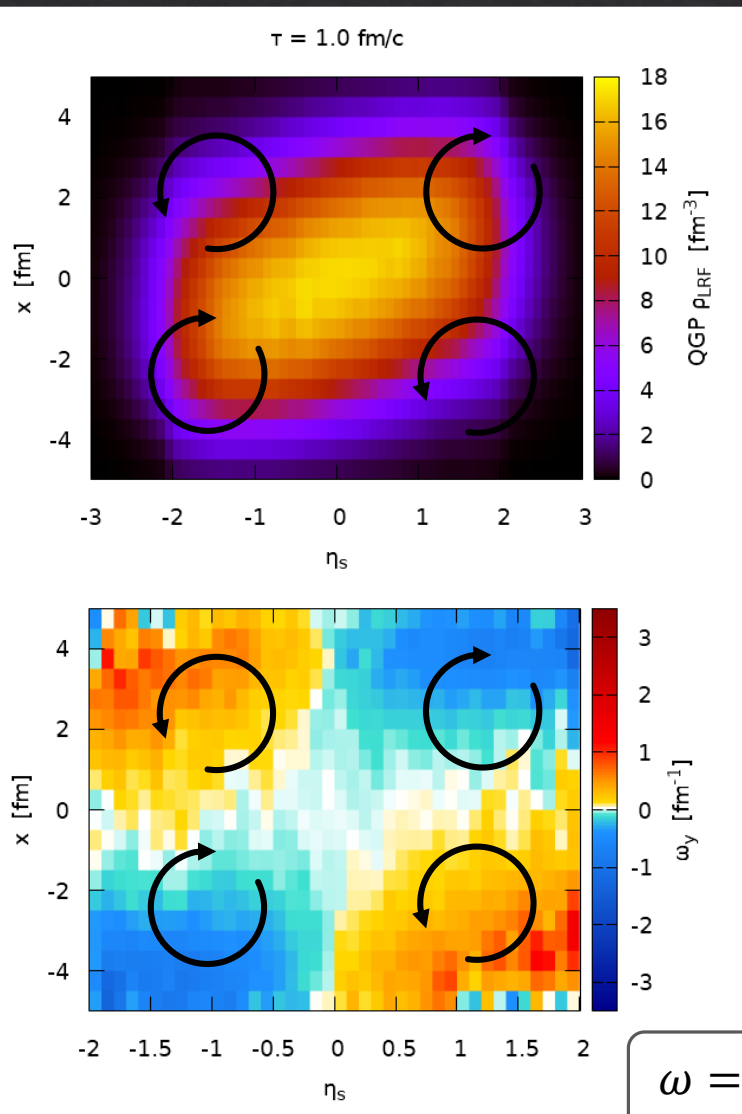
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Oliva, Plumari and Greco, 2009.11066



Cassing and Bratkovskaya, Nucl. Phys. A 831, 215 (2009)  
Kolomeitsev, Toneev and Voronyuk, Phys. Rev. C 97, 064902 (2018)

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$$\omega = \nabla \times v$$

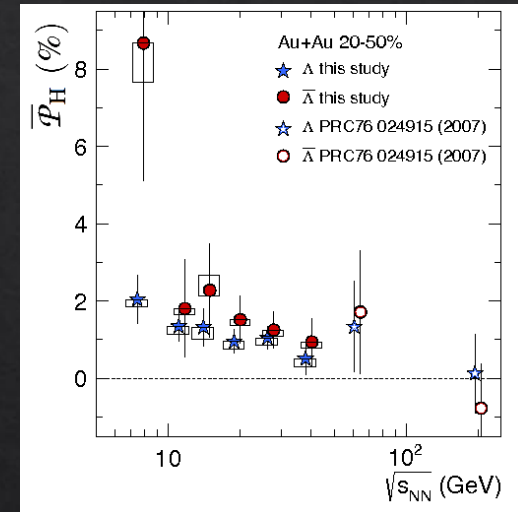
The huge angular momentum and the tilt of the fireball induce in the QGP an intense **VORTICITY**

The vorticity  $\omega$  is a measure of the local angular velocity of the fluid



Vorticity induce polarization of  $\Lambda$  hyperons

STAR Collaboration,  
Nature 548, 62 (2017)  
Becattini and Lisa,  
arXiv:2003.03640



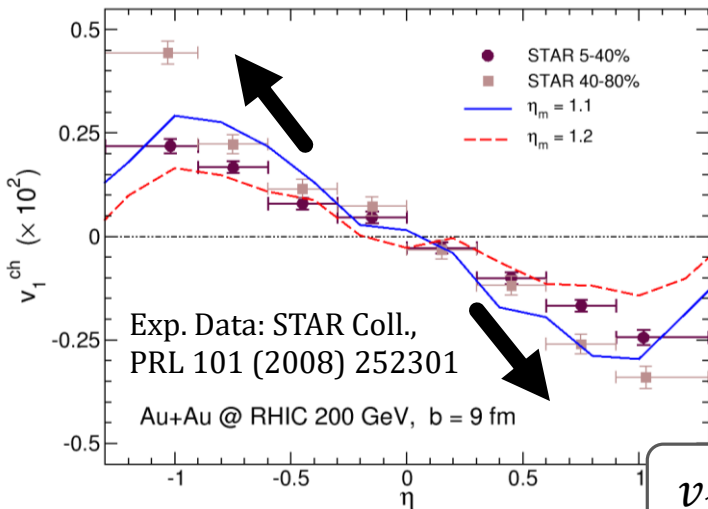
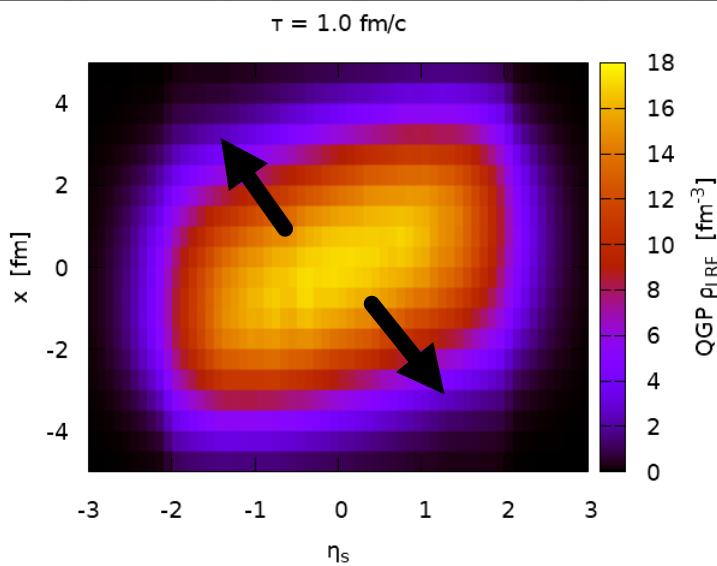
**QGP as the most vortical fluid**  
with the largest  $\omega$  ever observed in nature

$$\omega \approx 3 \text{ c}/\text{fm} \approx 10^{23} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

Csernai, Magas and Wang, Phys. Rev. C 87, 034906 (2013)  
Deng and Huang, Phys. Rev. C 93, 064907 (2016)  
Jiang, Lin and Liao, Phys. Rev. C 94, 044910 (2016)

**NONRELATIVISTIC VORTICITY**

# Vorticity and directed flow

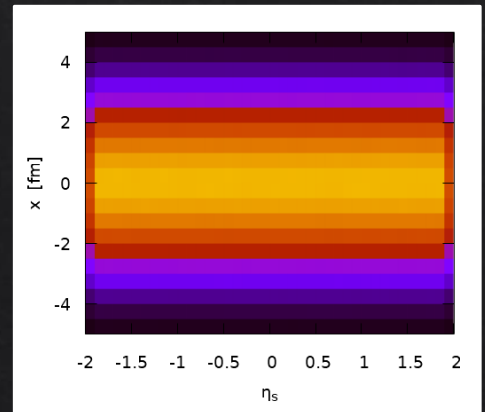


$$v_1 = \langle p_x / p_T \rangle$$

Are HEAVY QUARKS (HQs) affected by the initial tilt of the fireball and the  $v_1$  of bulk medium?

- $m_{c,b} \gg \Lambda_{\text{QCD}}$   
HQ produced in pQCD initial hard scatterings
- $m_{c,b} \gg T_{\text{HICs}}$   
negligible thermal production of HQ
- $\tau_0^{\text{HQ}} < 0.1 \text{ fm/c} \ll \tau_0^{\text{QGP}}$   
HQ production much earlier than QGP formation
- $\tau_{\text{th}}^{\text{HQ}} \approx \tau^{\text{QGP}} \approx 5\text{-}10 \text{ fm/c} \gg \tau_{\text{th}}^{\text{QGP}}$   
HQ thermalization time comparable to QGP lifetime

production points of HQs symmetric in the forward-backward hemispheres



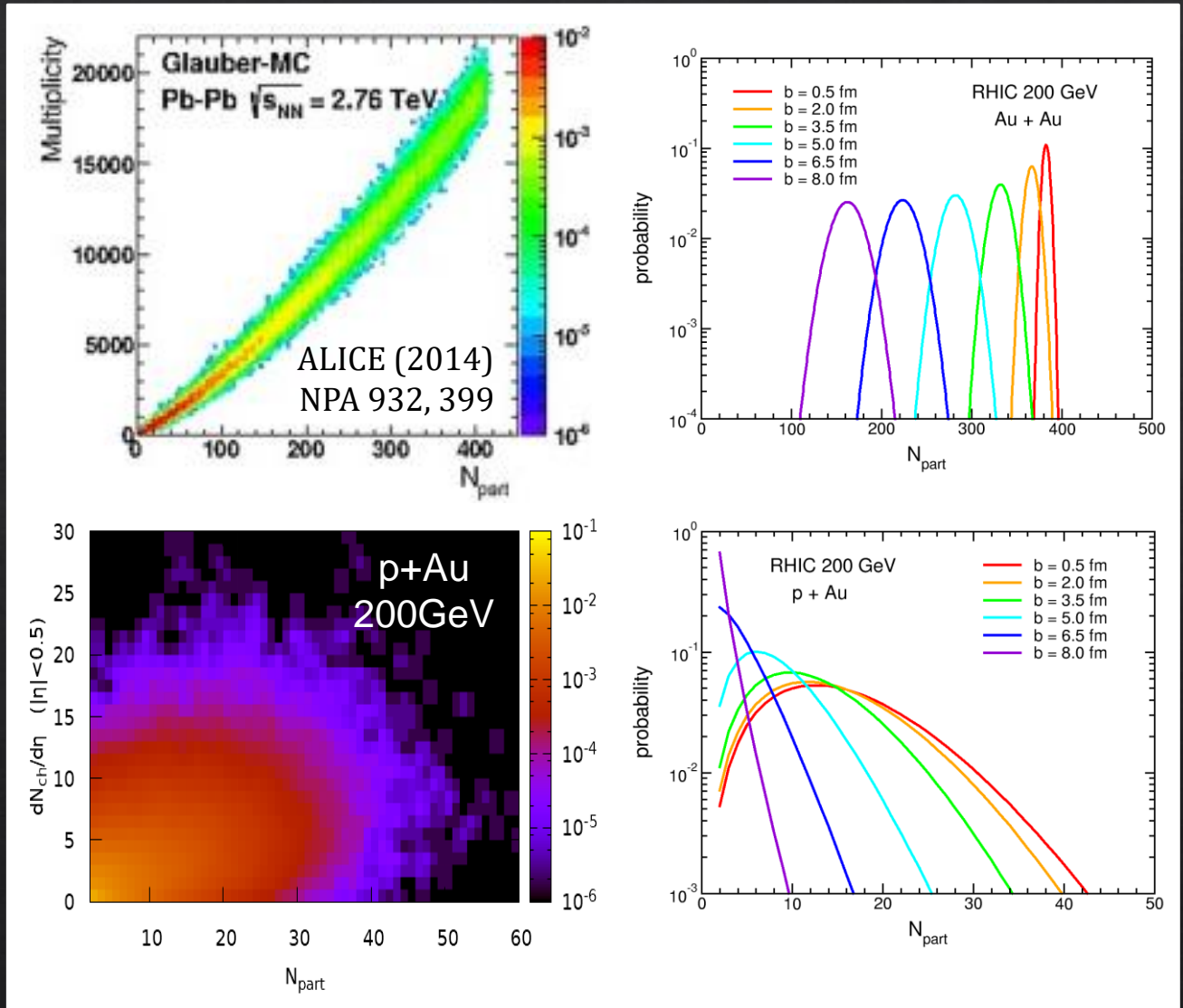
**DIRECTED FLOW OF CHARGED PARTICLES**



# Centrality determination : A+A vs p+A

**A+A**

centrality characterizes  
the amount of overlap  
in the interaction area



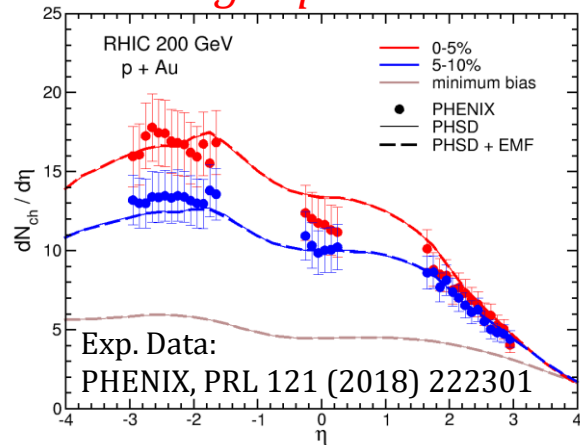
**p+A**

multiplicity fluctuation  
mixes events  
from different  
impact parameters

Oliva, Moreau, Voronyuk and Bratkovskaya, Phys. Rev. C 101, 014917 (2020)

# p+Au: rapidity distributions

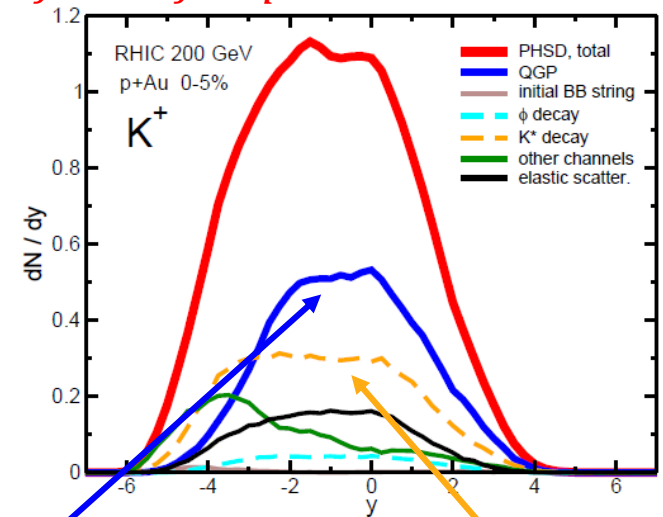
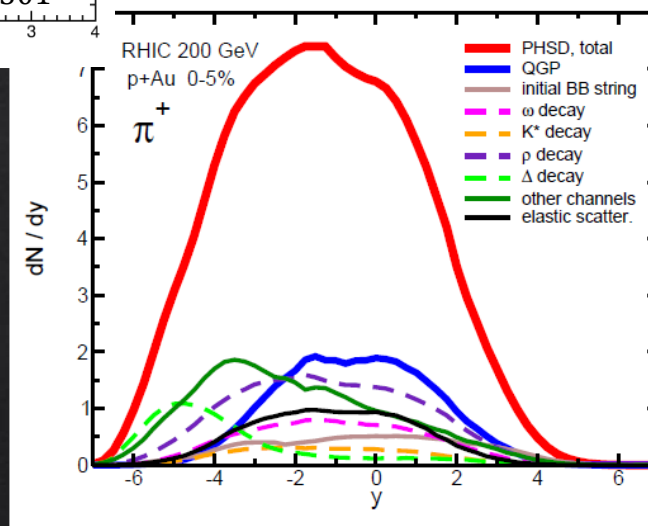
## charged particles



- enhanced particle production in the Au-going directions
- asymmetry increases with centrality of the collision

large amount of hadrons escapes from the medium just after QGP hadronization without further rescattering

## channel decomposition of identified particles



- p+A: production of kaons directly from QGP hadronization larger than from  $K^*$  decay
- A+A: kaons created by  $K^*$  decay are about twice those generated directly from QGP

# Anisotropic radial flow

## INITIAL-STATE FLUCTUATIONS AND FINITE EVENT MULTIPLICITY

azimuthal particle distributions  
w.r.t. the reaction plane

$$\frac{dN}{d\varphi} \propto 1 + \sum_n 2v_n(p_T) \cos[n(\varphi - \Psi_n)]$$

n-th order  
flow harmonics

$$v_n = \frac{\langle \cos[n(\varphi - \Psi_n)] \rangle}{\text{Res}(\Psi_n)}$$

event-plane angle resolution  
(three-subevent method)

Important especially for small  
colliding system, e.g. p+A

n-th order  
event-plane angle

$$\Psi_n = \frac{1}{n} \text{atan2}(Q_n^y, Q_n^x)$$

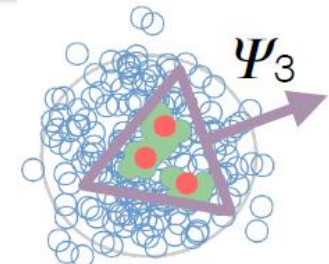
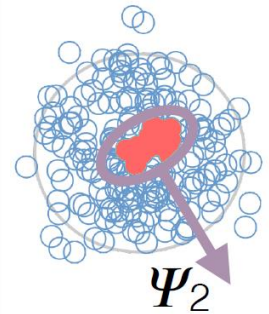
$$Q_n^x = \sum_i \cos[n\varphi_i]$$

$$Q_n^y = \sum_i \sin[n\varphi_i]$$

Since the finite number of particles produces  
limited resolution in the determination of  
 $\Psi_n$ , the  $v_n$  must be corrected up to what they  
would be relative to the real reaction plane

Poskanzer and Voloshin,  
PRC 58 (1998) 1671

ELLIPTICITY



TRIANGULARITY

# p+Au: directed flow

*rapidity dependence of  
the DIRECTED FLOW  
OF IDENTIFIED PARTICLES*

$$v_1(y) = \frac{\langle \cos[\varphi(y) - \Psi_1] \rangle}{\text{Res}(\Psi_1)}$$



**SPLITTING**  
of positively and negatively  
charged particles  
**INDUCED BY THE EMF?**

**5% central collisions**

no visible changes  
with and without  
electromagnetic fields

BUT clearly visible in  
simulations at fixed  
impact parameter...  
...experimental challenge!

